NURSING

Mission Statement
The mission of the Department of Nursing at the University of West Florida is to provide excellence in education that is founded on the principles of evidence-based practice, professional values and knowledge, innovation, and lifelong learning.

Baccalaureate Program Goals (BPG)
1. To prepare professional nurses through a curriculum incorporating essential elements of baccalaureate nursing education, professional standards of care, and evidence-based nursing knowledge with a foundation in the arts and sciences.
2. To prepare professional nurses as providers and managers of care who effectively promote and restore the health of diverse populations throughout the lifespan.
3. To prepare professional nurses to competently utilize information management and patient care technology, and to communicate and collaborate across healthcare disciplines to promote delivery of highly reliable care.
4. To prepare professional nurses as leaders in advocating process, policy, and regulation change that improve health care delivery systems and client outcomes.

Student Learning Outcomes
UWF Nursing graduates should be able to do the following:

Content
- Integrate the concepts of nursing and multi-disciplinary theories, research, and practice, based on the foundations of the arts and sciences courses, in the provision of care to diverse patient/clients of all ages.
- Apply basic knowledge of health care policy, finance, and regulatory environments.

Critical Thinking
- Integrate reliable evidence from across disciplines to promote optimal patient/ client outcomes.
- Design care for individuals, communities, and populations to promote, maintain, and restore health.
- Apply leadership and management concepts with quality improvement principles in the provision of patient/client centered care.

Communication
- Demonstrate the ability to utilize healthcare technology and information management to inform practice decisions.
- Use professional communication as a member of a healthcare team to improve patient/client outcomes.
Integrity/Values
• Demonstrate professional standards of moral, ethical, and legal conduct in the delivery of culturally sensitive patient/client care.

Project Management
• Integrate leadership, evidence, and interprofessional competencies into health care planning and decision making to improve health outcomes.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes
Student learning outcome (SLOs) evaluations occur in each RN-BSN program course. Core nursing practice principles, knowledge application, evidence-based practice, and communication skills are assessed throughout the RN-BSN curriculum. Students' are also assessed on knowledge and application of current and emerging technologies that promote quality, reliable client care. Students are evaluated on the ability to engage in synthesis of case studies, project management, and ethical analysis of nursing-related projects. Direct evaluation measurements include: quizzes, discussions, written assignments, and individual and group projects. A population-focused capstone project requires the design, implementation and evaluation of a community-based health education program.

Upon completion of degree requirements, each graduating student takes an exit survey to evaluate the SLOs. These end-of-program results are incorporated into ongoing continuous RN-BSN quality program improvements.

Jobs Prospects for Nursing

- In-patient acute and critical care
- Corporate Wellness
- Out-patient settings
- Immunization clinics
- Long Term Care
- Veteran’s Affairs
- Insurance companies
- Military
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Disaster preparedness
- Facility based nursing education
- Higher education – MSN, PhD,
- State and County Health
- DNP
- Departments
- Specialty certifications-
- Public Health Nursing
- Informatics, Nurse Geneticist
- School Health
- Nursing administration

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