Adams State University
Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Goals and Outcomes

Based upon *The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice*, published by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2008), the Department of Nursing at Adams State University strives to provide the Baccalaureate Nursing (BSN) student:

1. With a well-rounded liberal education, that cultivates diverse knowledge of the sciences, arts, & culture. We also strive to provide a multifaceted nursing education that promotes the development of nursing knowledge, nursing skills, critical thinking and clinical decision-making skills. Students will be able to use their acquired knowledge and skills to effectively and safely care for diverse populations within their nursing practice.

2. With an education that prepares them to practice in leadership roles at the micro-system level within the national and global healthcare systems. Students will be able use their leadership knowledge and skills to address practice issues related to quality care and patient safety within an interprofessional team.

3. With an evidence-based education to prepare students to: 1) read, understand and apply Nursing research data; 2) share current best practices with the interdisciplinary team; 3) advocate for human subjects; and 4) collaborate in the collection of evidence. Students will understand the importance of staying current with health care literature and integrating new knowledge into their practice to promote better patient outcomes.

4. With exposure to health care related technology. Students will be able to utilize technology to evaluate data to provide safe, quality care and document this care in a variety of healthcare settings.

5. With an education, that provides a solid interpretation of healthcare policy, finance, and state & national regulatory agencies. Students will be able to fully understand their nursing scope of practice; understand how these concepts affect patient quality care; and understand the advocacy role within the professional nursing practice.

6. With simulation and clinical experiences to practice effective communication skills within an interdisciplinary healthcare team to collaboratively, deliver evidence-based, patient-centered care. Students will be able to effectively communicate and contribute to interprofessional teams to optimize patient outcomes.

7. With an education that allows students to gain nursing experience addressing the promotion of health and the prevention of injuries and illness across diverse populations of individuals, families, groups, communities with an emphasis on rural health care. Students will be able to utilize knowledge gained to use behavioral change techniques to promote health and manage illness.
8. With an education which prepares them to practice nursing with Professionalism. Students will demonstrate values altruism, excellence, caring, ethics, respect, communication, and accountability.

9. With a generalist nursing practice education that integrates all the knowledge, skills, and attitudes delineated in the BSN essentials into nursing care. Students will be able to implement compassionate, holistic, evidence-based, patient-centered care utilizing all the knowledge they have gained during the liberal education across the lifespan and in all healthcare settings. A hoped for student outcome would be first-time pass on the NCLEX exam.

10. With an education that emphasizes professional writing skills in the American Psychological Association format, student will be prepared to continue their education onto the graduate level and/or submit articles to professional publications.