

Department of Associate Nursing

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Associate of Science in Nursing Program is to prepare nurses to provide care to clients.

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PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Associate of Science in Nursing Program at Mississippi University for Women is cognizant of global issues.

The faculty believe that each person is a biological, psycho-social, cultural, spiritual and intellectual being.

Nursing is one of many professions providing health care to individuals within society as a whole. In its broad scope, nursing is a profession that is committed to the well-being of the individual, the family, and the community.

Associate degree nursing combines nursing skills with selected principles from the biological, technological, and social sciences.

Education is a change in individual behavior which evolves from organized learning experiences through the process of teaching and learning.

Learning is a continuous and active process manifested by change reflected in behavior. This learning is a result of the interaction of the individual with the environment.

Associate degree nursing is committed to ensuring program effectiveness through strategic planning and evaluation.

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EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

The Associate of Science in Nursing Program prepares individuals to:

1. utilize the nursing process and Maslow's hierarchy in providing care to an individual or to a group of individuals
1. provide therapeutic nursing intervention, including client instruction, which reflects decisions based on the client's needs
1. evaluate the interrelatedness among the client's needs, family, community, cultural, ethnic, and social factors
1. utilize the client's level of growth and development and strengths along the wellness-illness continuum
1. provide nursing care where policies and procedures reflect current nursing standards of care and best practices
1. participate with other members of the health team in the community in managing client centered care
1. demonstrate personal accountability within the ethical and legal framework of nursing practice
1. demonstrate the responsibility of maintaining personal, professional, and cultural awareness.

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