

PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the nursing programs at Moravian University is rooted in the institution's mission and aligned with the AACN Essentials (2021). The curriculum fosters the development of professional nurses who provide safe, compassionate, and holistic care in collaboration with interprofessional teams across diverse healthcare settings. The foundation for our academic programs is informed by evidence and best practices, regarding human beings, the environment, health, nursing, and teaching and learning serve as the foundation for our academic programs.

Human Beings

Human beings are unique, multidimensional individuals composed of body, mind, and spirit, continuously interacting with their environment. They possess the capacity for rational thought, autonomy, and caring, shaping their experiences through perceptions, emotions, and relationships. Health and well-being are essential to human potential, influencing one's ability to adapt, grow, and contribute to families, communities, and society. Through these interactions, individuals not only seek personal fulfillment but also play a role in fostering a more just and equitable world.

Environment

The environment is a dynamic and evolving context that influences human experiences and well-being. It encompasses physical spaces, interpersonal relationships, cultural influences, and access to resources, all of which shape health outcomes and quality of life.

Health

Health is a fluid and individualized state of physical, psychological, social, and spiritual well-being. It is influenced by internal and external factors, including personal values, experiences, and motivations. Health promotion involves equipping individuals with the knowledge and resources to maintain, restore, and optimize wellness, empowering them to actively participate in their own care.

Nursing

Nursing is both a science and a humanistic art, dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Holistic nursing integrates evidence-based practice, critical thinking, and compassionate care, acknowledging the impact of environmental, social, and technological factors on health. Grounded in ethical principles, nursing upholds the values of respect, altruism, autonomy, dignity, and justice, ensuring equitable and person-centered care. Nurses are ethically bound to advocate for vulnerable populations, maintain professional integrity, and uphold the trust placed in them by society.

Nursing evolves with society's healthcare needs, applying innovation, advanced technology, and a caring presence to promote health and healing. Through ethical leadership and collaboration, nurses contribute to policy development, patient safety, and the advancement of healthcare practices.

Teaching/Learning

The nursing faculty values adult learning as a reflective, reciprocal, and lifelong process. By employing diverse teaching strategies, faculty cultivate a professional nursing identity grounded in ethical practice, clinical judgment, and scholarly inquiry. Faculty foster an inclusive and supportive learning environment that respects diverse learning needs while promoting accountability, adaptability, self-motivation, and professionalism. Through continuous learning, nurses contribute to the health and well-being of individuals, communities, and the global society.

The programs prepare self-directed professional nurses who provide compassionate nursing care at the baccalaureate and graduate levels. The education of professional nurses is best articulated in the context of broad general education in a higher education institution and clinically based practice environments. Nursing care is implemented through models of nursing practice and clinical judgment and is advanced through continuous inquiry and research. The professional nurse accepts commitment as a citizen through ethical behavior and participation in health care, education, and the community.

Through lifelong learning and professional engagement, graduates of this program emerge as nursing leaders who uphold ethical integrity, embrace technological advancements, and advocate for health equity. They are prepared to contribute meaningfully to the nursing profession and the broader healthcare system, ensuring that compassionate, evidence-based care remains at the forefront of practice.