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Department of Associate of Science in Nursing Education Mission

St. Luke's College provides quality, health system-based associate degree nursing education to individuals who desire to become competent and compassionate beginning generalists.

Department of Associate of Science in Nursing Education Philosophy

Health is defined by the individual and is a dynamic state of biopsychosocial, cultural and spiritual well-being. Health is influenced by environment and individual self care abilities. Environment is the sum of internal and external factors that surround and affect individuals and groups, an ever-changing environment impacts the individual's health. An optimistic level of health can be achieved through effective utilization of resources throughout the life span.

The profession of nursing is an art and science which prevents illness, alleviates suffering, and protects, promotes, and restores health. Nursing advocates an ethical, legal and regulatory framework that will ensure quality in the care of individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Nursing education consists of teaching and learning processes and results in the attainment and application of knowledge and skills in making critical decisions affecting client care. Learning is a life-long, active, and constructive process that progresses from simple to complex.

The student is responsible for his or her own life-long learning and the teacher is a facilitator, resource person and role model. The faculty manages the learning environment with the goal of preparing safe beginning nurse generalists. The associate of science nurse fulfills the roles of care provider, manager of care, and member of the discipline of nursing.

Department of Associate of Science in Nursing Education Program Goals

St. Luke's College Department of Associate of Science in Nursing Education will:

- Offer a program of excellence, employing critical thinking in general and nursing education to meet the needs of diverse learners.
- Provide graduates with the skills and knowledge for successful completion of the national registered nurse licensure examination.
- Prepare graduates to function as beginning nurse generalists.
- Meet the preparatory educational expectations of the graduate and employer.

Department of Associate of Science in Nursing Education Graduate Outcomes

Upon completion of the program of study, the graduate will possess the abilities of a safe beginning generalist and will:

- Perform caring nursing actions with competence and cultural sensitivity in diverse settings.
- Establish effective communication to promote a therapeutic environment with clients, significant support person(s), and the health care team.
- Interact collaboratively in education, assumption of responsibilities, problem resolution, and achievement of client outcomes.
- Demonstrate professionalism in the practice of nursing within ethical, legal and regulatory guidelines
- Manage the resources of the healthcare setting by prioritization, delegation, coordination and supervision of client care activities directed at promoting, maintaining and restoring health.
- Make clinical judgments based on assessment findings and evidenced-based information.