Mission Statement

The mission of the Fitchburg State University Department of Nursing is to prepare professional nurses capable of meeting societal healthcare needs in a variety of settings. In their teaching, the faculty nurtures respect for diversity, social responsibility, and a commitment to excellence. Collaborative and interactive teaching methods foster the use of critical thinking to build a strong foundation for the practice of holistic nursing. Legal, ethical, and professional standards guide the faculty in teaching the art and science of nursing.

Vision Statement

As a center of excellence in baccalaureate nursing education, the Fitchburg State University Department of Nursing graduates students who are prepared to assume healthcare leadership roles in the global society of the 21st century. The Department uses continuous programmatic evaluation and innovation to maintain an educational culture that fosters social responsibility, service commitment, client advocacy and lifelong learning. Graduates are nurse generalists who are system sensitive problem solvers and critical thinkers. The graduate is committed to evidence based practice and to recognize financial and regulatory mandates which govern health care practices. Graduates are capable of meshing technological innovations with holistic nursing measures to provide integrative care that meets the diverse needs of changing healthcare populations and environments.

Terminal Outcomes

Upon completion of the nursing program, the graduate will:

1. Synthesize knowledge from the liberal arts, sciences, and nursing as a foundation for safe, client-centered care.
2. Incorporate basic organizational and systems leadership to provide quality care and patient safety.
3. Integrate evidence-based practice including current research and critical thinking in the management of client care.
4. Analyze information using information technology to improve patient outcomes.
5. Examine the impact of health care policy, finance, and regulatory environments on nursing practice.
6. Integrate principles of communication in professional practice.
7. Synthesize knowledge of health promotion and disease/injury prevention in designing population focused care.
8. Integrate professional standards of moral, ethical and legal conduct into nursing practice.