

Purdue University North Central Nursing Program Philosophy

The Nursing Faculty articulates a philosophy for the Nursing Program congruent with the mission statement of Purdue University North Central that defines their beliefs regarding the concepts of person, environment, health, and nursing as follows:

Person, which includes individuals, families, and communities, is a uniquely holistic body - mind - spirit. Each person chooses and participates in health decisions.

Environment is an ever changing unity of systems and processes in which a person lives.

Health is the harmony of the mind-body-spirit. It is the living of optimal well being and quality of life.

Nursing, as a discipline, is the holistic study of person, health, and environment. The nursing profession utilizes a unique body of knowledge to care for the person.

The graduate provides quality nursing care guided by nursing theory, research, and professional standards. Graduates function autonomously and collaboratively with interdisciplinary teams.

Unique nursing knowledge is enhanced by the humanities and the biological, physical, and social sciences to form the foundation of nursing practice. The teaching – learning process is a mutual effort of faculty and students that fosters critical thinking, and personal and professional growth. The teaching – learning process proceeds from simple to complex concepts. Accountability of the educational process is demonstrated by assessment of student learning outcomes.

The **Associate Degree Nursing Program** prepares graduates for entry level nursing staff positions and upper division undergraduate studies by providing a foundation in general studies, sciences, and nursing. The graduate is prepared to provide and manage holistic, evidence-based nursing care of individuals across the life span in a variety of structured settings.

The **Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program** prepares graduates for practice, leadership roles, and graduate study. The graduate is prepared to utilize theory and research-based knowledge in the provision of holistic care to the individual, family, and community in a global environment.