

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

As an integral academic unit of the University, the Department of Nursing is dedicated to carrying out the mission and vision of the University and committed to the tripartite roles of teaching, scholarship, and service that contribute to the cultural, intellectual, and social development of professional nurses in North Carolina and the nation. Students are provided the opportunity to obtain a multicultural education that is grounded in the arts, sciences and humanities; that is congruent with standards for professional nursing practice; and that prepares them for lifelong learning, professional development, and service to others. The primary purposes of the program are to (a) promote and advance the accessibility, availability, and quality of professional nursing education and practice for nurses of North Carolina and the nation, and (b) prepare graduates to provide quality professional nursing services, across the life span, for individuals, families, groups, and communities. On completion of the program, the graduate is prepared as a competent beginning professional nurse, has the mobility to practice as a generalist in any health care setting, and is committed to advancement of nursing knowledge and practice through life-long learning and scholarship. The expected outcomes of graduates from the program include the ability to:

1. Integrate evidence-based knowledge from nursing, the arts and humanities, and biopsychosocial sciences to shape the practice of professional nursing.
2. Demonstrate skills in critical thinking and decision making in the use of the nursing process with individuals, families, groups, and communities.
3. Demonstrate competency in the nursing roles of advocate, clinician, coordinator/collaborator, educator, leader, and consumer of research in a variety of health care settings.
4. Establish therapeutic, caring, and collaborative relationships with recipients of nursing care and members of interdisciplinary health teams through effective interpersonal, oral, written, and technological communication strategies.
5. Provide therapeutic nursing interventions to promote, restore, and maintain the maximum health potential of individuals, families, groups, and communities.
6. Adhere to ethical, legal, and regulatory mandates and professional standards for nursing practice.
7. Assume accountability for their own decisions and actions in the practice of professional nursing.
8. Incorporate professional values and role behaviors into the practice of professional nursing.
9. Demonstrate evolving competence in multicultural interactions with recipients of nursing care and members of the healthcare and social service systems.
10. Accept personal accountability and responsibility for lifelong learning, continued personal and professional growth, and commitment to the advancement of the nursing profession.