

St. Petersburg College – College of Nursing
Mission – Philosophy – Values – Goals - Outcomes

CON Mission

The mission of St. Petersburg College of Nursing is to empower our students to achieve success through pursuit of inquiry, advocacy, and a commitment to lifelong learning as they provide care to diverse communities.

CON Philosophy

The College of Nursing shares the mission of St. Petersburg College to promote student empowerment. Our graduates are prepared to support optimal health for our diverse community. Our goal is to provide excellence in nursing education through immersion in the current evidence base that supports our profession and results in a lifetime commitment to furthering their knowledge, skills and attitudes. We believe this goal can be met by incorporating into our curriculum the core values of our profession, applying evidence to practice, and promoting practice consistent with contemporary standards.

CON Value Statements

CARING

Our students promote physical, spiritual and mental health and wellness, healing, and hope to individuals, family units, and diverse communities. Faculty feel strongly that empathy is integral to caring in that it enables the student to sensitively care for a diverse population.

INCLUSIVITY

Our students are encouraged, through a wide variety of academic experiences to recognize and appreciate the differences among members of our surrounding community. Faculty engage students to recognize the unique variations of individuals and develop their ability to, without reservation, provide equal and just care, regardless of those differences.

ETHICAL BEHAVIOR

We are committed to ensuring that our students define and further develop their moral values and professional conduct inherent to nursing. Fulfilling the role of patient advocate requires high levels of personal integrity, strength of character, and acceptance of accountability and responsibility for nursing decisions.

EXCELLENCE

Our students are encouraged to pursue excellence through an ongoing enthusiastic spirit of inquiry and development of the communication skills essential to collaboration with the multidisciplinary healthcare team. This ensures safe, quality care, and positive patient outcomes.

PATIENT-CENTEREDNESS

Our students are taught to appreciate the value of optimal health outcomes achieved by involving patients and those close to them in decisions about their care. We believe this can be accomplished by demonstrating respect for the patient's goals, values, needs and preferences as well as those of their support systems

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RN-BSN Program Goals

- 1) To broaden the perspective of the graduate by incorporating professional values within a liberal arts and sciences context;
- 2) To prepare the graduate with a knowledge base and skills appropriate for baccalaureate-level practice;
- 3) To facilitate the graduate's appreciation for continued commitment to lifelong learning for the promotion of personal and professional growth.

RN-BSN Expected Program Outcomes

- 1) At least 70% of student will have graduated with a baccalaureate degree in nursing in five years;
- 2) At least 70% of all graduates will be employed in the practice of nursing in roles reflective of the BSN degree, enrolled in further nursing education, or serving in the military as a commissioned officer within six to nine months after graduation;
- 3) Within one year of graduation, a minimum of 70% of the respondents will report adequate educational preparation for their role as professional nurses;
- 4) Seventy percent of service area employer respondents will report satisfactions with the knowledge, leadership skills, and practice displayed by the majority of RN-BSN Program graduates at 12 months following graduation; and
- 5) Within one year of graduation, 70% of graduate respondents will report participation in an activity demonstrating professional commitment to nursing such as membership in a professional nursing organization, serving on a health agency board or committee, or providing volunteer community service in a nursing related capacity; mentoring, precepting, certification, conference or workshop, or ongoing education.

RN-BSN Expected Student Outcomes/Demonstrated Achievements

- 1) Incorporate cultural and ethical perspectives into nursing practice;
- 2) Use evidence-based knowledge in the application of nursing care;
- 3) Demonstrate the use of leadership and management skills in professional nursing practice;
- 4) Integrate health promotion and risk reduction strategies into the nursing practice.