

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

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About this program

The Associate Degree Nursing program is designed for students with no previous nursing experience who are seeking to become registered nurses. The Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena campuses offer the two-year Associate Degree Nursing program. The Associate Degree Nursing program is designed to prepare students to deliver nursing care in a variety of settings as registered nurses. The graduating nurse will be able to provide nursing care in hospitals, long-term care centers, clinics, and community health and other health-related facilities. Upon completion of the nursing program, an Associate of Science degree is awarded by the college. Nursing graduates may apply to take the National Council Licensing Exam-RN (NCLEX-RN) following graduation. Individuals entering the program must pass the background check required by the Minnesota Human Services licensing division and, depending upon particular clinical partner expectations, also may be required to pass an annual national background check. The Minnesota Board of Nursing has officially approved the Associate Degree Nursing program at M State.

Program outcomes

1. Nursing judgment: Demonstrate the ability to make nursing judgments using evidence-based research and clinical reasoning for quality patient care across diverse populations.
2. Patient-centered care: Recognize the patient as the source of control and a full partner in providing compassionate and coordinated care based on respect for patient preferences, values and needs.
3. Teamwork and collaboration: Function effectively within nursing and inter-professional teams, fostering open communication, mutual respect and shared decisions to achieve quality patient care.
4. Safety: Promote quality care and a safe environment for diverse populations of patients, self and others through system effectiveness and individual performance.
5. Quality improvement: Participate in quality improvement to support effective and efficient health care services.
6. Professionalism: Demonstrate accountability to professional nursing values by adhering to legal and ethical principles and participating in continuous professional development.
7. Technology: Utilize information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error and support decision making.
8. Leadership: Apply nursing leadership concepts in the provision of high-quality care to individuals, families and communities.

Curriculum overview

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Total	

Developmental courses note: A student may be required to enroll in developmental courses in reading, writing and math. A student's scores on the Accuplacer assessment will determine enrollment in developmental courses. The purpose of developmental courses is to prepare students for the demands of a college-level curriculum. *Credits may vary.*

Accreditation: Minnesota State Community and Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411 <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org> Phone: 312.263.0456 / 800.621.7440

Curriculum requirement details

Required courses

Other requirements or restricted electives



Course summaries



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Program Plan — ""

Locations:

