The RN to BSN Program’s purpose is to:

- Prepare a liberally educated individual,
- Prepare a professional graduate who practices as a generalist, and
- Prepare one who is qualified to pursue graduate study in nursing.

Murray State University’s BSN graduates practice within a professional and ethical framework as manifested by the following Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Communicates and collaborates effectively through oral, written and technological methods.
   - Engages in mature, independent, and creative thought, and expresses that thought effectively in oral and written communication.

2. Applies scientific based methods to understand the basis for best nursing practices and new knowledge related to health care.
   - Understands and applies the critical and scientific methodologies that academic disciplines employ to discover knowledge and ascertain its validity.

   - Applies sound standards of information gathering, analysis, and evaluation to reach logical decisions.

4. Applies nursing science and technology in solving problems in the changing health care system.
   - Understands the roles and applications of science and technology in the solution of the problems of a changing world.

5. Appreciates the historical, political, theoretical and artistic traditions of nursing.
   - Demonstrates a critical understanding of the world’s historical, literary, philosophical, and artistic traditions.

6. Practices with cultural sensitivity and an understanding of ethical issues in health care.
   - Understands the dynamics of cultural diversity, of competing economic, and political systems, and of complex moral and ethical issues.

7. Advocates to advance the profession and health care.
   - Understands the importance of and engage in ethical behavior and responsible citizenship.

8. Recognizes the need to balance professional and lifestyle behaviors.
   - Understands the importance of the behaviors necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

9. Performs entry level nursing skills in a safe, competent, and professional manner.
   - Demonstrates mastery of a chosen field of study.

10. Pursues continuous learning experiences to enhance one’s career and to adapt to the continuously changing world of health care.
    - Values intellectual pursuit and continuous learning in a changing world.