

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY BSN PROGRAM PURPOSES

- ❖ Prepares a liberally educated individual
- ❖ Prepares a professional graduate who practices as a generalist
- ❖ Prepares one who is qualified to pursue graduate study in nursing

Murray State University BSN graduates practice within a professional and ethical framework as manifested by the following MSU characteristics:

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.*

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.*

Makes evidence-based, logical decisions related to patient care.

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

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.*

Appreciates the historical, political, theoretical and artistic traditions of nursing.

- ◆ *Demonstrates a critical understanding of the world's historical, literary, philosophical, and artistic traditions.*

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.*

Advocates to advance the profession and health care.

- ◆ *Understands the importance of and engage in ethical behavior and responsible citizenship.*

Recognizes the need to balance professional and lifestyle behaviors.

- ◆ *Understands the importance of the behaviors necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle.*

Performs professional skills safely and within the context of providing individualized care.

- ◆ *Demonstrates mastery of a chosen field of study.*

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.*