

## Nursing Education Program Mission & Vision

### Mission

The Nursing Program at CCA prepares students to become skilled, compassionate healthcare professionals by providing high-quality instruction, hands-on clinical experience, and support services. We are committed to serving our diverse community and equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed for successful careers in nursing.

### Vision

We aspire to be a nursing program where every student succeeds, providing the education, support, and hands-on experience necessary to cultivate skilled, compassionate nurses who thrive in a diverse and evolving healthcare environment.

### Values

- 1. Critical Thinking:** We value the development of advanced critical thinking skills in nursing graduates. We believe that strong critical thinking is essential for providing high-quality, patient-centered care and for adapting to the ever-changing demands of the healthcare environment. Our graduates are equipped to think critically, solve problems effectively, and deliver the best possible outcomes for the patients they serve.
- 2. Shared Decision Making:** We believe in shared decision-making processes that involve all team members, empowering everyone to contribute their insights and expertise to achieve the best possible outcomes for patients.
- 3. Respect:** We recognize the inherent worth and dignity that honors the diverse background, beliefs, and experiences of students, faculty, patients, and community.
- 4. Quality:** We are committed to delivering high quality instruction that prepares students to provide safe, effective and evidence-based care to patients.
- 5. Patient Centered Care:** We are committed to placing the needs and preferences of patients at the center of our collaborative efforts, ensuring that care is individualized, culturally sensitive, and respectful of patient's autonomy and dignity.
- 6. Inclusion:** We promote an inclusive learning environment where all individuals feel welcomed, valued, and empowered to participate fully in educational experience. We actively seek to create spaces where diverse perspectives are heard, respected, and integrated into the fabric of our program.

**Nursing Education Program Philosophy**

The Nursing Department and faculty believe that the profession of nursing is grounded in a philosophy that emphasizes the art and science of nursing, recognizing the profession as a blend of compassionate care, critical thinking, and evidence-based practice. We believe that nursing is not only about providing physical care but also about addressing the emotional, social, and cultural needs of patients within a diverse and dynamic healthcare environment. Our program fosters a commitment to lifelong learning, ethical practice, and professional growth, encouraging students to become advocates for their patients, collaborators within interdisciplinary teams, and leaders in the healthcare field. At CCA, we are dedicated to developing nurses who are equipped to deliver high-quality, patient-centered care and who will contribute to the health and well-being of their communities.

**Nursing Education Program Educational Philosophy**

The Nursing Education Program at CCA is grounded in a student-centered approach that values diversity, collaboration, and lifelong learning. We believe in fostering an inclusive environment where every student is supported in reaching their full potential. Our program emphasizes the integration of evidence-based practice, critical thinking, and hands-on clinical experience to prepare students for the dynamic and evolving healthcare landscape.

We are committed to developing compassionate, competent nurses who are equipped to provide high-quality, patient-centered care. Through a blend of classroom and lab instruction, clinical practice, and simulation. Our program nurtures both technical skills and the humanistic qualities essential to nursing practice. We prioritize the development of professional values, effective communication, cultural competence, and ethical decision-making grounded in the American Nursing Association (ANA) Code of Ethics for Nurses.

We are dedicated to helping students succeed academically, personally, and professionally, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to their communities and the nursing profession.

**Nursing Education Program Student Learning Outcomes**

The nursing student program learning outcomes are essential to the Nursing, AAS program at the Community College of Aurora. The student learning outcomes provide clear, measurable goals that guide both instruction and assessment. These outcomes ensure that students acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become competent, compassionate nurses. By establishing specific learning outcomes, the program aligns curriculum and clinical experiences with the competencies required for success in the healthcare field. This focus on outcomes not only supports student success but also ensures that graduates are prepared to meet the challenges of an evolving healthcare system. Additionally, well-defined learning outcomes help maintain accreditation standards, improve program quality, and foster continuous growth.

***Upon successful completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree, the graduate will:***

1. Provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.
2. Integrate in critical thinking and clinical reasoning to make patient-centered care decisions.
3. Implement quality measures to improve patient care.
4. Participate in collaborative relationships with members of the interdisciplinary team, the patient, and the patient's support persons.
5. Use information management principles, techniques, and systems, and patient care technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making.
6. Provide leadership in a variety of healthcare settings for diverse patient populations.
7. Assimilate professional, legal, and ethical guidelines in practice as a professional nurse.
8. Promote a culture of caring to provide holistic, compassionate, culturally competent care.

### **Nursing Education Program Outcomes**

1. 80% of all first-time test takers will pass the NCLEX-RN.
2. 80% of alumni surveys will demonstrate the graduate has secured employment in a registered nurse position within 12 months.
3. 80% of registered nurse student graduates who completed the program did so within 4 semesters.