

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING  
STUDENT POLICIES

**WTCS NURSING VISION STATEMENT**

The Wisconsin Technical College System nursing programs provide a quality, dynamic learning environment that prepares a diverse workforce of nurses to meet community needs.

**WTCS NURSING MISSION STATEMENT**

The nursing programs within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) are committed to educational excellence. We prepare nurses with the knowledge, skills, and attitude to enhance and restore the well-being of individuals, families, and the community by using the nursing process. We value:

- Diversity
- Evidence-based practice
- Holistic, patient-centered care
- Honesty, integrity, and fairness
- Life-long learning
- Safe and cooperative work environments
- Partnerships with students, businesses, government, educational systems, and communities
- Wise use of technology and resources entrusted to us

**WTCS NURSING CURRICULUM PHILOSOPHY**

This philosophy incorporates Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) faculty beliefs regarding nursing education as shaped by the WTCS nursing mission statement.

**Nursing** is the dynamic, interpersonal, goal-directed process that seeks to promote optimal health within the context of individuals, family, community, and society. The concepts of caring and integrity are central to nursing and communicated through both attitude and action. Nursing uses the nursing process, a problem-solving approach to provide holistic, patient-centered care to individuals, families, and groups. Nurses assess health and make clinical decisions to manage and provide safe and effective nursing care according to standards of practice within the legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks. Nursing is based on knowledge and science and is demonstrated by evidence-based practice. Through collaboration with other health care professionals, nursing is responsive to the needs of the community across the health-illness and lifespan continuum.

**Individuals, families, and groups** are diverse, complex living beings, in which physical, psychological, cultural, and spiritual health processes are in constant interaction. This constant interaction provides the capacity for change. Individuals have inherent worth, dignity, and autonomy in health care decisions.

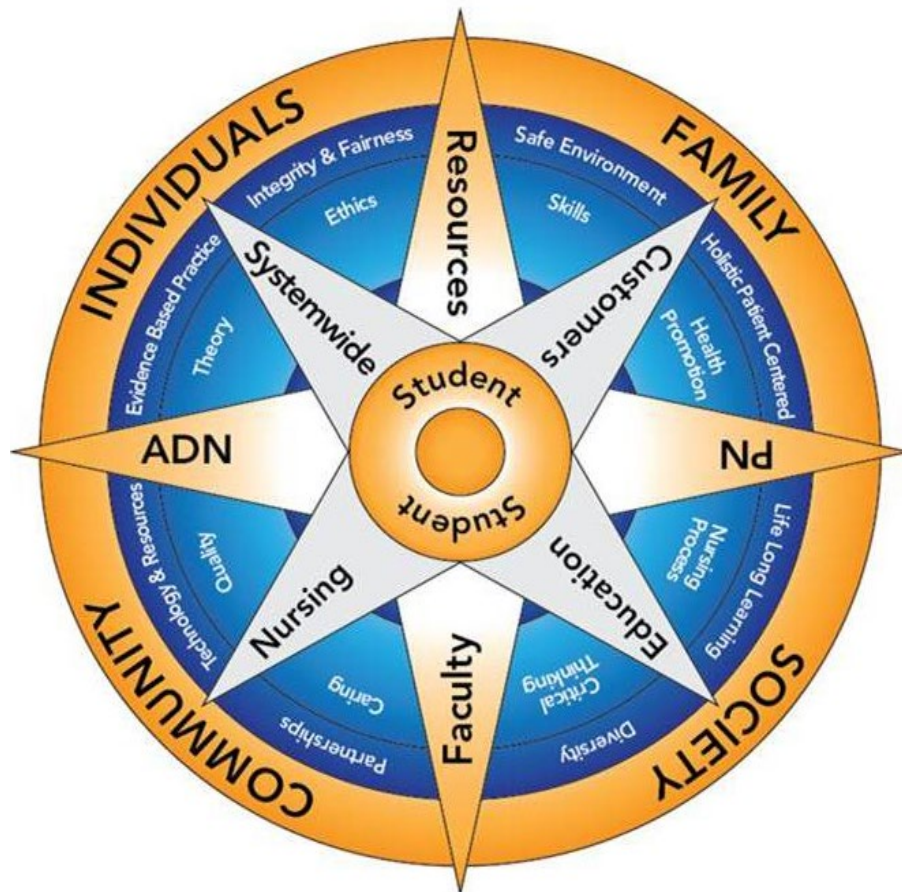
**Nursing education** facilitates the development of knowledge, attitudes, and skills appropriate to the learner's level of nursing practice. Nursing education integrates concepts from nursing and other disciplines and takes place in institutions of higher learning. As a practice discipline, nursing education requires the use of performance-based instruction with measurable competencies. Faculty and learners create a safe, cooperative environment which stimulates the spirit of inquiry, clinical reasoning, and self-directed life-long learning. Excellence in nursing education is achieved by providing students with a rigorous and dynamic curriculum using technology, partnerships, and resources. Graduates are prepared to meet community specific healthcare needs as entry level practitioners.

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**System-wide Curriculum** The WTCS nursing programs provide a seamless curriculum, which is flexible and accessible for learners on a statewide basis. Prior learning, experience, and career mobility are valued, and efforts are aimed at facilitating articulation between levels of nursing. Information gathering within the community network that includes advisory committees, employers, and health care consumers enhances curriculum review and revision.

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### 2.3 NURSING PROGRAM FRAMEWORK



#### WTCS NURSING CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK EXPLANATION

- The student is in the middle as the key figure/driving force.
- The large star points are the programs and faculty/staff illustrating direction.
- The smaller star points of the compass contain the four major categories of the philosophy.
- The outer circle contains our customers
- The middle circle contains our curriculum's main concepts
- The inner circle contains our values