Mission

The mission of the University of Mount Olive online RN to BSN degree program is to provide high quality, student-centered nursing education that builds on prior experience, knowledge, and skills of associate degree or diploma prepared RNs. Students are prepared to think critically and address complex health issues in a multicultural and evolving world. The online RN to BSN degree program helps meet the needs of the nursing profession and society to improve health and healthcare delivery.

Vision

The vision of the University of Mount Olive online RN to BSN degree program works in concert with that of the University, “...to serve our students, our founding church, and our communities.” The online RN to BSN degree program is committed to educating associate degree or diploma prepared RNs to become competent nursing leaders, researchers, and educators who integrate their Christian faith, beliefs, values, ethics, and stewardship into their nursing practice while providing compassionate care to a multicultural and evolving patient population.

Philosophy

Baccalaureate education incorporates interdisciplinary knowledge from natural and social sciences, humanities, arts, and nursing. Baccalaureate education fosters an increased sense of professionalism, equips learners with professional knowledge and skills needed to meet the health requirements of a diverse community, prepares students for a variety of professional nursing roles and graduate education, and enables positive attitudes towards lifelong learning. Our online RN to BSN degree program education builds on the unique attributes, knowledge, and expertise of associate degree or diploma prepared RN learners. The curriculum is problem focused and engages students in active learning.

The central concepts of nursing's paradigm are the relationships between the patient, health, environment, and nursing. This paradigm along with nursing theory and principles of teaching and learning are fundamental to baccalaureate nursing education. An eclectic nursing model, based on nursing theories, serves as the conceptual framework for the University of Mount Olive online RN to BSN degree program. The paradigm concepts of nursing are defined below (Quizlet, 2012).

The patient is an individual, family, aggregate, and community. Striving toward equilibrium, in an unstable environment, the patient is an open adaptive, goal-oriented, and interpersonal system incorporating physical, psychological, interdependence, social, developmental, role, and spiritual spheres. The patient has characteristic patterns of energy fields and behavior and possesses varying degrees of self-care agency, which may differ across cultures. Patients collaborate with the nurse and share responsibility for health outcomes (Quizlet, 2012).

The environment is composed of internal and external stimuli including social, cultural, economic, political, legal, ethical, and spiritual dimensions. The patient and the environment are inseparable interacting energy patterns unfolding together toward greater complexity and diversity. The environment influences the person’s health and the person, in turn, influences the environment (Quizlet, 2012).

Health is experienced as a state of connectedness and harmony of physical, psychological, social and spiritual aspects within the self, with others, and with the environment. As a dynamic state of well-being, health means system equilibrium, adaptation, ability to express oneself productively, to resist stressors, and to meet self-care needs. Health also means harmonious patterning of energy fields, evolving patterns of consciousness, and the continuous process of changing and becoming. Each person perceives health uniquely, according to personal, cultural context (Quizlet, 2012).

Nursing is concerned with the full range of human experience and responses to health and illness. Nursing incorporates goal-oriented action that assists the patient in adaptation, self-care, equilibrium, and higher levels of consciousness. The roles of the nurse include the provider of care, teacher, advocate, leader, manager, and researcher. The art and science of nursing involve the development of a caring relationship, application of scientific knowledge, and use of judgment and critical thinking in the facilitation of health and healing. Nurses promote social justice, influence public policy, and help meet the needs of society to improve health and healthcare delivery (Quizlet, 2012).

Reference


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