



## **PHILOSOPHY**

We, the Nursing Faculty at Colby Community College, believe that:

Nursing is a dynamic profession involving specialized knowledge, skills, and attitudes that demonstrate competence in the delivery of safe, effective, holistic patient-centered care. Nurses communicate with members of the health care team to provide compassionate, culturally sensitive care that is based upon a patient's physiological, psychological, sociological and spiritual needs as well as preferences, values and beliefs. Nursing incorporates evidence-based practice when applying the nursing process to support critical thinking and effective nursing judgment.

Nursing care is provided to diverse individuals, families, groups and communities across the lifespan in collaboration with the healthcare team to promote and maintain health and ensure continuity of care through advocacy and patient education. Professional values guide effective interactions with patients, families, and colleagues, fostering mutual respect and shared decision making, to enhance patient satisfaction and health outcomes.

The art and science of nursing is practiced using the nursing process. Adaptability of nursing care, including quality improvement methods and effective informatics skills provided in a variety of inpatient and community-based settings enhance quality and minimize risks to patients and providers of care. Adherence to established nursing standards, ethical principles and regulatory guidelines promote the delivery of holistic healthcare to achieve shared goals and positive outcomes.

The goal of the faculty is to provide a realistic educational program in nursing which meets the health needs of a diverse society, recognizes the unique needs of the lifelong learner and, establishes an environment conducive to learning that instills caring, adaptability and supports development of nursing judgment.