



Division of Health Sciences

Associate in Science in Nursing

The Associate Degree Program at MassBay Community College prepares students with the core nursing competencies and integrated reasoning skills necessary to take the NCLEX-RN, obtain licensure as a registered nurse and transition to contemporary practice or pursue an advanced degree. The nursing program offers an innovative concept-based approach to learning that is aligned with the latest findings from Quality and Safety Education in Nursing (QSEN), the National League for Nursing (NLN) and the Institute of Medicine. Students graduating with the Associate in Science in Nursing will achieve and demonstrate all college-wide learning outcomes.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Apply principles of critical thinking, creativity, and innovation to formulate clinical and other nursing judgments;
2. Integrate nursing concepts with theoretical and scientific knowledge to promote evidence-based, holistic patient care;
3. Provide patient-centered care and health education based on respect for patient/family values and preferences, while engaging the patient as a partner in the process;
4. Assume responsibility and accountability for pursuing professional growth, acting as a leader/agent for change and upholding high standards of ethical practice;
5. Monitor individual performance and system effectiveness to improve the safety and quality of care;
6. Actively collaborate as a member of the healthcare team; promoting mutual respect, open communication, and shared decision-making;
7. Utilize a variety of systems to manage nursing care, including technological and information systems.