Welcome to Nursing at MVCC

The nursing faculty and staff welcome you and wish you success in our Associate Degree Nursing Program. Your success is important to us! If you have questions or concerns, please contact your Nursing Advisor.

Refer to this handbook each semester in addition to the MVCC Student Handbook and the MVCC College Catalog.

*The MVCC Nursing Program reserves the right to modify the content and structure of this handbook.*
Dear Students:

Congratulations on your decision to attend Mohawk Valley Community College and welcome to the Mohawk Valley Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program! The college has been educating nursing students since 1946 through a rich tradition of commitment to excellence in education. Every member of our MVCC community has, and will continue to put forth great effort in assisting you with achieving success in school and in your nursing career. Nursing faculty are a very talented group of professionals who possess diverse knowledge and skills. These attributes will assist you in the development and strengthening of your individual knowledge and skills in order to graduate as a safe and competent entry level nurse.

The mission of the nursing program compliments the mission of the college. The mission of the nursing program is to cultivate and transform lives by providing affordable high-quality educational opportunities for a diverse student population. The nursing program at MVCC is very rigorous and it goes without saying that you will be continuously challenged. Our nursing faculty, staff and I, are here to assist and guide you through any and all challenges you may encounter. We are all eager to help you meet your greatest potential and I encourage you to seek any one of us out if, and when necessary. I would like to also suggest that if you have a question, please be proactive and speak to your nursing faculty, liaison, coordinator, or me. You may also reference your student handbook and course syllabus for information. It is important to seek answers from a reliable source since clear communication is the foundation of great nursing care as well as a sound education.

In closing, I again welcome you to the nursing program and congratulate you in gaining acceptance into this highly competitive program. Your choice to pursue a career in nursing demonstrates your desire to make a difference, not only in the lives of others, but yours as well. I wish you all the best in your journey ahead and am confident that your experience at MVCC will exceed your expectations.

If at any point in your academic career you should need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (315)792-5499 and by email at mcopperwheat@mvcc.edu.

Sincerely,

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Department for Health Professionals
Mohawk Valley Community College
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INTRODUCTION

Nursing Program Mission, Vision, and Philosophy

Mission Statement

The nursing program cultivates and transforms lives by providing affordable high-quality educational opportunities for a diverse student population. This will be accomplished by

- Embracing our community and partners
- Faculty modeling the way
- Inspiring confidence
- Encouraging excellence through lifelong learning.

Vision Statement

To be the leading innovative program in the Mohawk Valley to prepare safe, competent, autonomous nurse leaders who will engage in lifelong learning to improve the health of people within the Mohawk Valley and global communities. [http://www.mvcc.edu/nursing](http://www.mvcc.edu/nursing)
Philosophy

We believe that human beings possess self-worth, dignity, the right to self-determination and distinctive life styles. Individuals exist as members of interacting social groups with mores, beliefs, and behaviors that are learned and shared. Each human moves through the life span experiencing predictable stages of development and potential for growth.

We believe that humans are unique, holistic beings with bio-psycho-social, cultural and spiritual needs as reflected in Maslow’s Hierarchy of Basic Human Needs.

We believe that man exists on a continuum of health-illness from conception to death. An individual’s position on this continuum is influenced by changing needs, environmental adaptability, and the stage of growth and development.

We believe health is a dynamic and individualized state of bio-psycho-social, cultural and spiritual will-being affected by environment, access to health care, lifestyle choices, education, and culture. Health is an individual state of well-being that is positively valued, affects all aspects of life, and determines one’s quality of life.

We believe a state of illness exists when an individual experiences disruption in any of these areas resulting in a less than optimal level of functioning. An individual’s ability to adapt to disruptions in functioning affects the intensity and duration of the state of illness.

We believe that nursing is a caring, helping professional relationship. The practice of nursing is based upon a growing body of knowledge unique to nursing as well as an integration of knowledge from the sciences. Nursing is both an art and a science. The practice of nursing requires critical thinking which is guided by the nursing process. The goal of nursing is to promote, maintain and restore the clients’ well-being as well as to assist individuals to die with dignity. Therapeutic nursing interventions are aimed at supporting and promoting individuals’ abilities to adapt to disruptions in functioning.

We believe the therapeutic nursing relationship evolves mutually between the client and the nurse and takes into consideration the clients’ health practices, beliefs and values.

We believe the role of the nurse, as a health educator, is essential in promoting clients’ self-determination. Nursing values integrity, honesty, and a commitment to caring.

We believe that education is a life-long process involving the acquisition of knowledge and the development of critical thinking skills. Learning occurs in various settings and should be self-directed, flexible and learner focused and progresses from simple to complex. We view nursing education as dynamic and ongoing resulting in a change in knowledge, attitude, and behavior of students. We believe nursing education requires that students develop a scientific and psychosocial theory base, communication skills, and the ability to apply the nursing process.

We believe nursing education encompasses the teaching of cognitive, interpersonal and psychomotor skills as well as professional attitudes and beliefs. Students are unique and come to nursing education with different life experiences, learning styles and socio-cultural backgrounds.

We believe nursing education must account for diversity in the student population while ensuring that the high standards and rigor of the profession are upheld. It is the responsibility of nursing educators to be aware of the trends in health care and to educate students for the workplace of the future. We believe the Associate Degree Nurse assumes multiple roles as provider of care, manager of care, and a member within the discipline of nursing in meeting the needs of individuals and families.

We provide our students with the educational preparation to apply the nursing process in making critical decisions in their role as health care providers. We prepare graduates to function successfully within the scope of their academic preparation and to make a commitment to the value of caring and to their own professional growth.
Student Accountability

All MVCC nursing students are responsible for reading, comprehending, and adhering to all information, policies, protocols, and procedures found in the MVCC College Catalog, the MVCC Student Handbook, and the MVCC Nursing Student Handbook including, but not limited to, the Code of Conduct, Academic Complaint Policy, Academic Integrity and general College policies and regulations. Failure to read and understand the policies and procedures contained in any of the aforementioned documents and publications do not relieve the student of the responsibilities contained therein.

The MVCC College Catalog may be obtained online at:  https://www.mvcc.edu/admissions/college-catalog

A nursing academic advisor will be available to clarify policies and procedures and to assist you in planning your academic progress toward the completion of your nursing program. You should meet with your assigned nursing academic advisor each semester. Failure to contact an academic advisor when indicated in these documents does not relieve the student of this responsibility.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) prohibits faculty or advisors from giving the following information about students in person to anyone other than the student, or over the telephone to anyone including the student: grade point average (GPA), grades, student schedules, information on probationary status, financial information and number of transfer hours.
Essential Functions for Nursing Students

MVCC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The college will endeavor to make reasonable accommodations for an applicant with a disability, who is otherwise qualified. Applicants who are unsure if they can meet these essential skills or know they will need help in meeting them should contact the Office of Accessibility Resources: 792-5644 (PH104H).

If there are any reasons why you may not be able to perform these functions with or without reasonable accommodations, you must follow the chain of command. A student in the associate degree nursing program must have the abilities and skills necessary for the performance of the nursing process. The following is a representative list of the essential skills, with or without accommodation, expected of students enrolled in the nursing program.

- Demonstrate the ability to perform essential functions for a maximum of a 10 hour shift.
- Demonstrate the ability to protect a client when the client is standing and ambulating on all surfaces with or without the use of assistive devices, including canes, crutches and walkers.
- Demonstrate the ability to safely move a client over 100 pounds from one surface to another using the appropriate level of help.
- Demonstrate safe body mechanics in the process of all client treatments, including lifting and carrying small equipment (under 50 pounds) and moving large equipment (over 50 pounds).
- Demonstrate the ability to manipulate dials on equipment.
- Demonstrate the ability to coordinate simultaneous motions.
- Demonstrate the ability to perform occasional overhead extension.
- Demonstrate the ability to hear blood pressure, heart and lungs sounds with or without corrective devices.
- Demonstrate the ability to palpate soft tissue including pulse, muscle and bones.
- Demonstrate the ability to perform nursing interventions such as sterile procedures, dressing changes following infection control procedures.
- Demonstrate the ability to administer medications (IM, Subcutaneous, IV, suppositories etc. (including dosage calculations) when necessary.
- Display adaptability to change
- Establish effective relationships with others.
- Communicate effectively, safely and efficiently in English (both written and spoken) by:
  - Explaining procedures
  - Receiving information from others
  - Receiving information from written documents
  - Exhibiting appropriate interpersonal skill (refer to ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses)
  - Analyzing and documenting assessment findings and interventions.
- Distinguish color changes.
- Detect an unsafe environment and carry out appropriate emergency procedures including:
  - Detecting subtle environment changes and odors including, but not limited to, the smell of burning electrical equipment, smoke, and spills.
  - Detect high and low frequency sounds, including but not limited to, alarms, bells, and emergency signals.
**Student Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of each student enrolled in the Nursing program to insure that records are complete with special attention to the following:

- All courses identified as degree requirements in the MVCC College Catalog and the Nursing Student Handbook are completed prior to graduation;
- All demographic and biographic data requested by the College are current and complete;
- Official transcripts from all schools from which you are seeking transfer credit are requested by the student using the appropriate forms and format so that they can be received and recorded by the College;
- Concurrent enrollment is requested prior to taking any course or challenge examination outside the Nursing Program after matriculation (including core, school, and elective requirements);
- All regulatory requirements (immunizations, health assessment and physical examination, PPD tests, CPR certification, HIPPA, Confidentiality, etc.) are to be kept current as directed by the student’s Academic Advisor, Coordinator, and/or Associate Dean.
- Students who find themselves in academic difficulty are strongly advised to promptly consult the MVCC College Catalog, MVCC Student Handbook and MVCC Nursing Student Handbook for policy information, to seek out their Nursing Academic Advisor for guidance.
Estimated Program Expenses

- MVCC Uniform (required: tunic, pant, lab jacket) – $73.00 - $104.00
- White Shoes – $65.00
- MVCC Photo ID – $5.00
- Watch with second hand – $50.00
- Nursing Nametag – $8.00
- Blood Pressure Cuff – $20.00
- Littman Stethoscope – $70.00

Students entering NU 101/102/103 are required to have all of the items listed above.

- Nursing Lab Fee – $125.00
- NCLEX Preparation and Curriculum Support – $575.00
- Estimated Textbook expense – $450.00 - $900.00

Yearly Itemized Expenses

First Year Fall Semester
- MVCC Uniform (Required: Tunic, Pant, Lab Jacket) – $73.00 - $104.00
- White Shoes – $65.00
- MVCC Photo ID – $5.00
- Watch with second hand – $50.00
- Nursing Name Tag – $8.00
- Nursing Calculator – $15.00
- Blood Pressure Cuff – $20.00
- Littman Stethoscope – $70.00

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First Year Spring Semester
- Nursing Lab Fee – $125.00

Second Year Fall Semester
- Nursing Lab Fee – $100.00
- ATI Computer Program NCLEX Preparation and Curriculum Support – $575.00

Second Year Spring Semester
Nursing Lab Fee – $125.00
MVCC Graduation Fee – $35.00
Graduation Composite Picture – $30.00
NCLEX-RN Licensing Fee – $500.00
Convocation/Graduation Uniform Shoes – $120.00

➢ Prices subject to Change
Procedure for Acquisition of Student Uniform

Required uniform includes – Green tunic and pant, white lab jacket, white shoes and watch.

You may order/purchase your MVCC Nursing uniform/shoes/lab jacket at:

Josie’s Uniform and Shoes  
54 New Hartford Shopping Plaza  
New Hartford NY 13413  
Phone: (315) 735-6794

Dr. Uniforms  
1311 Oriskany St W,  
Utica, NY 13502  
Phone: (315) 266-0093

Financial Aid-Payne Hall Student Service Center

All paperwork for financial aid must be completed before requesting funds to cover your uniform.

Auxiliary Services-Alumni College Center (ACC), Room 206

Once you have completed the above, Auxiliary Services will issue you an authorization voucher to bring to Josie’s Uniform and Shoes or Dr. Uniforms to purchase your required items. You will need to personally visit Auxiliary Services to request a voucher. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Bramhall at 315-792-5457.

Payment to Josie’s Uniform Shop or Dr. Uniforms

Payment to Josie’s Uniform and Shoes or Dr. Uniforms will be made in a lump sum for all nursing students. Students are responsible to pay for their uniforms either out of pocket, or with financial aid, if eligible. To pay with financial aid funds students must wait until August to go to the Auxiliary Services Office located in the Alumni College Center Building, room 206 to obtain a voucher which they would then submit either uniform shop.

All paperwork for financial aid must be completed before requesting a voucher.

Uniform vouchers are available the same day as book vouchers (usually 3 weeks before classes) and expire the same day as book vouchers.

The uniform will be billed to and paid from your MVCC financial aid account.

Note: If your financial aid changes for any reason (i.e. attendance, verification) you will be responsible for the cost of your uniform etc.
Student Health Requirements

Nursing Student Health Requirements differ from the college’s health requirements. Nursing students must submit a completed Nursing Health Requirements Physical Form separately and in addition to the college health form.

All required health documents must be submitted to the college nursing office in ACC. The deadline is in accordance with the health requirement letter which includes specific dates of submission.

Students entering without their completed health documents will be dismissed from the program.

An “X” designates a requirement.

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| X          |             | Healthcare Provider to provide a script for the titers below include a copy of the lab reports for the 4 titers listed below.  
  * Rubella titer Lab results must be positive*  
  * Rubeola titer Lab results must be positive*  
  * Mumps titer Lab results must be positive*  
  * Varicella titer Lab results must be positive* | *If results are not positive but are equivocal or negative, booster shots are required. Follow up titers must be scheduled with your healthcare provider. |
| X          |             | Healthcare provider documentation of Tetanus toxoid. | Immunization within 10 years. |
| X          | X           | Students should expect to submit proof of flu vaccine to include date, lot, manufacturer, and expiration date. | Flu vaccine is required each fall per dates specified by clinical agencies. |
| X          |             | Documentation on the form of Hepatitis B immunization sequence: | Recommended or after reading pg. 4 &5 of the physical form, students may opt to sign the waiver on page 2. |
| X          | X           | Student must provide a COPY of their CPR card documenting American Heart Association CPR for the Healthcare Provider. This certification must remain current throughout the program. | It must be American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR |

Students are strongly advised to make copies of all submitted health documents.
**Blackboard**

Faculty use *Blackboard* to convey important course information and completion of certain tutorials are required to graduate. *Blackboard* courses are opened up a week before the first day of instruction. In addition, students taking courses that have an online component will need to use *Blackboard*.

**Accessing Blackboard**

1. Access the MVCC Home Page.

2. Click **Current Student**, and then click the *Blackboard* “Bb” logo.

3. Sign in with your username and password (same as your email account) to get to the *Blackboard* home page.

4. In the upper right hand corner you will see a list of online courses in which you are “enrolled”.

**Student Computer Account**

All registered students will have a computer account (same username and password as above). There are several places on campus where you may access a computer. The open lab is located in the Information Technology Building Room 133.
Courses in the Associate Degree Nursing program have content and practicum experiences.

All students:

- are required to meet the prerequisites prior to taking the first nursing course as outlined in the Admission to the Nursing Program document.
- must provide their own transportation to and from the health care facility for practicum. Instructors cannot assist.
- provide proof of professional liability insurance which is available through the college and included in the nursing course registration fee.
- provide proof of current American Heart Association CPR certification for Healthcare Providers must be on file in the Nursing Faculty Offices/Department Office prior to first day of lecture/practicum. This certification must remain current throughout the program.
- must maintain a minimum grade of 75.0 in each nursing course for advancement to the next nursing course.
- must achieve a minimum grade of C in every course on the nursing curriculum display page (courses required to graduate)
- enrolled in NU 101 must successfully complete BI216 Human Anatomy & Physiology (1) (with a 70 or greater) to be eligible for NU102/NU103.
- enrolled in NU 102/103 must successfully complete BI217 Human Anatomy & Physiology 2 (with a 70 or greater) to be eligible for NU201, Nursing 3.
- are recommended to take BI216 Human Anatomy & Physiology (1) and BI217 Human Anatomy & Physiology (2) at MVCC.

All Nursing students enrolled in NU202 Nursing 4 are required to take the NCLEX-RN Predictor Exam and the designated NCLEX-RN State Board Review Class in order to be eligible to graduate from the program. Students must attend each day of the NCLEX – RN State Board Review Class.

Graduation from the Nursing program does not guarantee Registered Nurse licensure by the New York State Department of Education Office of the Professions. If an applicant has charges pending or has been convicted of a felony and/or a misdemeanor, a license may be delayed or denied by the New York State Department of Education Office of the Professions.

**Transportation Policy**

Students must provide their own transportation to all assigned learning activities. Faculty are not allowed to transport students to or from any facility.

**Withdrawal Policy**

It is the student’s responsibility to officially withdraw from classes. Students that withdraw from nursing courses are not eligible for readmission to the nursing program. See guidelines of the Nursing Program Admission Policy.

**Student Governance**

Students are encouraged to bring any concerns/suggestions to full-time faculty for discussion or visit forums on the Student Nurses Organization’s (SNO) Blackboard page. Results provide input into the nursing program. This is accomplished through student surveys after each nursing course. Students are represented in governance through their elected (SNO) representatives and will have opportunities to attend faculty meetings.
Student Learning Methodologies

The MVCC Nursing Program utilizes three (3) methodologies to facilitate student learning. They are termed laboratory, theory, and clinical. In order to meet course objectives, students are expected to be present and engaged in all theory, lab, and clinical learning. Excessive absences in any of the learning environments may impede a student’s ability to meet course objectives resulting in an unsuccessful completion of a course. Students are expected to be familiar with the guidelines for each learning environment.

It is the expectation of all faculty that cell phones will be turned off in all learning environments. Students found in violation of this rule are subject to removal from the class.

It is at the discretion of the individual faculty whether or not recording devices may be used.

Laboratory Information

The lab portion of the curriculum is an integral part of learning. It allows students to learn and practice nursing skills essential for nursing practice. Lab objectives focus on psychomotor skills as well as professional practice modalities such as leadership and lifelong learning. In order for students to gain the full value of the lab experience, the guidelines that have been developed must be adhered to by all students. These guidelines address required attire, equipment, and the expected professional behaviors that are essential for successful completion of lab requirements.

Lab Class

- Students are expected to attend, participate, and be prepared for all lab classes. Failure to attend the scheduled lab class will result in an Academic Alert Form. In the event of an emergency, student is expected to notify faculty before the start of the lab.
- A missed lab class must be made up within one (1) week of the class and be verified by the faculty. Failure to do so will result in an Academic Alert Form.
- It is the student’s responsibility to contact the level Coordinator via email within 24 hours to make arrangements for the make-up. Failure to do so will result in an Academic Alert Form.

Attire

- Students are required to wear a clean, neatly pressed, white lab coat to all labs, clinical, and, as indicated, for any activity that may substitute a lab class.

Equipment

- Students must bring their blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, watch with a second hand, penlight, and bandage scissors to all lab classes and/or practice sessions unless otherwise instructed.
**Nursing Learning Resource Center/Lab Regulations**

- Foul language will not be tolerated.
- The labs are to be quiet locations for skill practice and computer use. Please take conversation outside of the labs.
- Food is not allowed (discretion of the lab employee to change this at any time).
- Show respect to faculty, staff and peers.
- Videos/computer programs are not to be taken from the labs. To view videos/computer programs ask the lab employee to get them for you. Videos/computer programs are to be viewed in the lab only.
- Respect all equipment. If a student damages any piece of equipment/resource tool in any of the labs he/she will be held responsible for accepting the cost of replacing such equipment. Payment must be received to the College by date determined by the Associate Dean of the Department of Health Professions. Failure to make payment by the date determined will result in greater sanctions including mandatory withdrawal from classes as well as ineligibility for future registration and or graduation.
- Faculty and staff will be addressed as Mr., Mrs., and Ms. or Professor, at all times.
- Students are not allowed in employee office for socialization purposes.
- No unauthorized use of the lab phone unless it is an emergency.
- No cell phone conversations/calls inside of the labs.
- Do not write on lab equipment.
- Children are not allowed in the labs.
- Pick up and return supplies/equipment and chairs when you are finished.
- Do not put any unauthorized objects on the medical assistant examination table.
- Students will be supervised at all times by a designated college employee.
- Respond positively to constructive criticism.

**Notice:**

If a student is not within compliance of any one of the above written rules the faculty/staff reserves the right to request that the student leave the lab. The student will then be responsible for missed content as well as make-up requirements as deemed necessary from his or her instructor. If the discovery of the infraction is disclosed after normal lab hours, the lab employee will write a written statement citing details of the occurrence and schedule a meeting with the student as well as the Associate Dean of the Department of Health Professions and the Coordinator of Healthcare Careers if deemed necessary. This meeting will occur within one week of the violation.

Approved by Nursing Faculty April, 2014
Theory Information

Theory is designed to facilitate student learning of the concepts, science, and evidence that guide professional nursing practice. Approaches to content delivery take place in the classroom as well as via technology. Evaluation of student learning is done using quizzes and/or examinations.

Classroom Learning

• Students are expected to attend, participate, and be prepared for all classes. Students are expected to arrive to class on time.
• It is the expectation of all faculty that cell phones will be turned off during classroom learning. Any student found in violation of this rule is subject to dismissal from the class.
• It is at the discretion of the individual faculty whether or not recorders will be allowed.

Quizzes and Exams

• Quizzes and/or examinations are the primary means of evaluating students’ attainment of student learning outcomes. Each course has specific quiz and/or examination requirements in regards to timing, frequency, and objectives. Students are required to be familiar with the requirements of their specific course, which can be found in the associated Course Syllabus and/or Course Schedule. In addition, students are expected to be well acquainted with the Examination Policy found in this handbook.

Assessments Technology Institute (ATI)

• ATI is an online supplement to learning that aids in student understanding and application of critical nursing concepts. ATI is designed to assist students to successfully pass the NCLEX-RN State Board Examination. Students are required to access ATI services and complete modules pertaining to the topic(s) being discussed during classroom learning. In some units, the completion of an ATI module that corresponds to the material being learned in that unit is a prerequisite to a student’s ability to sit for the related unit exam. In addition, ATI has Practice Assessments and Proctored Assessments that may or may not be a requirement of the successful completion of a course. Students are required to be familiar with the expectations of their specific course, which can be found in the associated Course Syllabus and/or Course Schedule.

ATI NCLEX-RN State Board Review – NU202 only

Students must attend each day of the ATI NCLEX-RN State Board Review classes in order to satisfy NU202 course requirements. Dates, times, and locations will be disseminated during the course. Failure to attend the mandatory ATI review class every day will result in an “F” in NU 202.

Health Presentations

• Depending on the course, students may be required to attend various scheduled presentations throughout the year. These are predetermined and may substitute for a lab day. Students are required to be familiar with the expectations of their specific course, which can be found in the associated Course Syllabus and/or Course Schedule.

Diversity-Global View (DGV) Events

• Students are required to attend DGV Events as means of learning and showing dedication to intercultural awareness. For more information about the DGV program, click on the DGV tab at the top of the screen on Blackboard.
Clinical Information

Clinical provides a real-life environment for students to bridge the gaps between theory and practice by applying the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for safe, professional practice. All students must be able to perform the essential functions of the MVCC ADN Nursing Program. Current health clearance and CPR certification is mandatory in order to participate in the clinical experience. Students are required to bring a watch with a second hand, stethoscope, black ink pen, bandage scissors, tape measure, penlight, and clamp to all clinical rotations. Clinical takes place off-campus at selected healthcare institutions across the community. While participating in clinical experiences, students are representing the nursing profession as well as MVCC. To that end, strict guidelines have been developed and will be enforced to maintain client safety, preserve program integrity, and promote professional principles.

Clinical Attendance

- A strict attendance policy will be enforced to promote the value of the clinical experience.
- Students are required to notify their clinical instructor, in advance, of any lateness to or absence from clinical. Notification should be made via e-mail.
- Students are also required to notify, via e-mail, the level Coordinator within 24 hours of the missed clinical. If the student does not contact the coordinator within the mandated time frame, the absence will be documented on the Academic Alert Form.
- If a student is to miss a clinical he/she will be required to make up those clinical hours within 2 weeks to pass the course. Failure to make arrangements and make up the clinical will result in an unsuccessful in clinical and an “F” for the course.

Clinical Makeups

- All clinical makeups must occur within two (2) weeks of the missed clinical.
- The Coordinator will collaborate with all clinical instructors to determine a makeup time and date with considerations given to the variables that affect learning outcomes.
- Once the arrangements for a makeup clinical have been made, the student must report to the clinical site on the makeup day. Failure to do so will result in the initiation of an Academic Alert Form. Students are not allowed to rotate off their assigned unit during a makeup clinical.
- All clinical assignments (care plans, medication prototype sheets, etc.) will be submitted to the student’s regularly assigned clinical instructor.
- No clinical absences can be made up during the last week of clinical rotation.
- Failure to meet the required number of clinical hours in the semester will result in a clinical failure.
Attire

Students must wear:

- The green student nursing uniform. The uniform must be clean and pressed.
- Their SUNY/MVCC Photo ID
- White socks/hose
- White professional leather or leather looking shoes (no canvas, no open toe, or open heel).
- Hair must be neatly groomed, clean, and off the collar
- Hair must be of a naturally looking black, brunette, blonde, or red (auburn) color. Highlights of the same standard are acceptable.
- Beards must be neatly trimmed. Mustaches must be neat and trimmed and must not pass the sides of the mouth. Sideburns must be neat and trimmed and must not pass the middle of the ear.
- No perfume/cologne
- No body piercings other than one non-dangling earring in each ear lobe
- No bracelets or rings other than a wedding band
- No visible tattoos
- Fingernails must be trimmed, short (not visible when looking at the palm of the hand), and clean with no nail polish. Artificial nails are not acceptable
- Proper body hygiene is expected, free of offensive odors including cigarette smoke
- No gum chewing
- NU 102/103: Attire per agency policy.
- Students may be required to visit their assigned clinical site to obtain client information in preparation for their clinical experience. Students are required to wear the white laboratory coat/jacket, business attire (no jeans/shorts/open toe shoes), and college ID when visiting clinical facility to obtain clinical assignments.
- Failure to comply with this dress code may result in the student being sent home in which case the student is responsible to follow the guidelines under clinical make-up. Failure to do so will result in an “F” for the course.

Other Guidelines

- A student may not administer care to a family member or significant other or social acquaintance. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the clinical instructor if assigned to any patient known to him/her.
- The use of alcohol or other mind altering substances is prohibited during clinical practicum. Students are prohibited from attending practicum while under the influence of alcohol or other mind altering substances.
- There is no smoking at any time during clinical.
- Cell phones are prohibited on all units during clinical.
- Clinical requirements and opportunities vary by course. Students are required to be familiar with the expectations of their specific course, which can be found in the associated course syllabus and/or course schedule.
Fall 2018 Advisement

An advisor is assigned to every student at the time of matriculation into the nursing curriculum.

Students are expected to contact their advisors as needed and at least once every semester. Advisor office hours are posted outside Academic Building (AB160). Note: All nursing faculty offices are located in the Academic Building (AB) 160.

Nursing Faculty/Advisor/Advisee List

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792-5341

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792-5557

Michelle Parker, RN, MSN
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792-5626

During the fall and spring semesters faculty has five (5) office hours per week, posted outside AB160. **Prior to scheduling nursing courses it is required that students contact their nursing faculty advisor in person.** Nursing faculty are only available during the spring and fall semesters. All other times, contact the Associate Dean for Health Professions, Melissa Copperwheat MS RN, at mcopperwheat@mvcc.edu or 315-731-5375.

Health Profession Resource Specialist

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Academic Building (AB) 159
731-5857

College Service Associate
Payne Hall (PH) 349
Melissa Golbach
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792-5499
**General Information**

- Nursing is a program in the Department of Health Professions.
- All nursing faculty offices are located in the Academic Building (AB160).
- The Associate Dean and secretary’s office is located in Payne Hall 349.
- The Nursing office phone number in Utica is (315) 792-5375.
- The Nursing office FAX number is (315) 731-5855.
- The Health Profession Resource Center (Nursing Lab) is located in the Academic Building (AB) 159, phone (315)731-5706.
- There are open computer labs in the IT Building on the Utica Campus and in the Rome Campus Library.
- The program is accredited by ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing) and registered with New York State Department of Education Office of the Professions.

**New York State Education Dept. Office of the Professions**

State Education Building - 2nd floor Albany, NY
Telephone: 518-474-3817 Website: [www.op.nysed.gov/home.htm](http://www.op.nysed.gov/home.htm)

**ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing)**

3343 Peachtree Road, NE Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia, 30326
Telephone: 404-975-5000
Fax: 404-975-5020
Website: [http://acenursing.org](http://acenursing.org)

**Advisement Policy for Students Matriculated into the Nursing Program**

- All matriculated nursing students will be assigned a Nursing Faculty Advisor by the first week of class, fall term.
- The Senior Office Specialist will be responsible for equally distributing advisees among Nursing Faculty Advisors by the first week of class, fall term.
- A registration hold will be placed on each nursing student’s account once they are assigned a Nursing Faculty Advisor.
- The Senior Office Specialist will be responsible for ensuring that holds are placed on student accounts once they are assigned a Nursing Faculty Advisor.
- Nursing Faculty Advisors will continue to monitor student progress through the program.
- The Senior Office Specialist will provide each Nursing Faculty Advisor with an ARGOS report from each of their assigned students indicating program requirements completed. This report will be provided the first week in October, fall term and the first week in March, spring term.
- Nursing Faculty Advisors will be responsible for reviewing the report for their assigned advisees before priority registration each semester.
- All students must meet with their faculty advisor prior to registering for courses.
- Nursing Faculty Advisors will be responsible for notifying the Associate Dean’s office to remove holds for their assigned advisees.
Email Communication

The primary methods of communication with faculty and resource personnel is through direct communication, Blackboard, or MVCC email. It is the student’s responsibility to check their student email and blackboard account frequently. Text messaging is unacceptable and will not be tolerated as a means of communication between student and faculty/resource personnel.

All registered students are assigned an email account and a Blackboard account. Students are required to use student email for all matters associated with the college. You can access your student email account through the MVCC homepage (www.mvcc.edu).

- Username: First initial, last name, day of birth (jdoe05)
- Password: last 4 digits of your social security number

Your email address: Username followed by student.mvcc.edu. So, John Doe’s email address would be jdoe05@student.mvcc.edu.

Nursing Program Chain of Command
All Students are Expected to Follow the Chain of Command at All Times

At any time during the program if the student has a concern/complaint they should first address their concern with their faculty member.

If the student still has a concern, they should then make an appointment and meet with the level coordinator.

If the concern remains, the student should then make an appointment to meet with the Associate Dean. All students are expected to conduct themselves as professionals at all times and follow this chain of command. Failure to do so will result in an Academic Counseling Form for professionalism.

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| Course Instructor, Clinical Instructor, Health Profession Resource Specialist |
MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HEALTH PROFESSIONS DEPARTMENT
NURSING PROGRAM
Student Concern/Complaint Policy

The purpose of this document and its related form is to provide an avenue for students to address concerns/complaints on a programmatic level. The student should fully understand the components of this policy prior to completing and submitting the form. Examples of concerns/complaints that this policy and associated form address include, but are not limited to issues arising related to:

- Exam or assignment grades and/or procedures
- Course/class policies
- Course content
- Teaching methodology
- Academic Alerts (occurrences or referrals)

The concept of this process is best fulfilled when the student first approaches the individual with whom he/she has a concern/complaint and seeks an amicable resolution. If such resolution is not evident to the student’s satisfaction, he/she may initiate the Student Concern/Complaint Form.

If, for whatever reason, a student does not want to personally or directly contact an instructor or staff member to discuss a complaint or grievance, the student should begin with the next highest level of responsibility, which would commonly be the Level Coordinator or the Associate Dean of Health Professions. The student can request an appointment to meet with the Level Coordinator/Associate Dean by completing the form and checking the box labeled Please keep my identity confidential. That request will be honored unless there are over-riding reasons to do otherwise. For example, if a student alleges sexual harassment by a faculty or staff member, Level Coordinator/Associate Dean must forward that information, to include the identity of the complainant, Campus Public Safety.

Please note the following:

- Concerns/complaints related to the student safety should be reported to Campus Public Safety, located in AB109, x5566 (emergency x5777).
- Students should be aware that neither Level Coordinators nor Deans can require an instructor to change a properly assigned course grade. Issues of disagreement about whether, for example, a given assignment was worth, say, a B or an A is decided solely by the individual instructor in charge.
- Students should follow the chain of command as outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook (Faculty > Level Coordinator > Associate Dean of Health Professions).
- This policy does not supersede the MVCC Academic Complaint Policy located in the MVCC Student Handbook and online at https://www.mvcc.edu/student-handbook/policies-and-regulations/academic-complaint-policy.
- It is a Nursing Program and MVCC policy that all students at all times have the right to lodge a complaint or grievance which they deem important without fear of retaliation of any sort or any other adverse consequence as a result of doing so.
MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HEALTH PROFESSIONS DEPARTMENT
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Student Concern/Complaint Form

Before completing and submitting this form, please review the Nursing Program Student Concern/Complaint Policy located in the Nursing Student Handbook to ensure compliance with established protocols.

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Have you made an attempt to resolve the issue with the individual involved?  Yes ☐  No ☐
If ‘Yes’, describe the outcome (attach documentation, if necessary)

Please keep my identity confidential ☐

By checking the above box, I understand that information contained on this form will be held confidential to the extent possible. Information of a safety nature can and will be shared with college officials in order to conduct a thorough investigation.

I hereby declare that the information on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation of information may result in disciplinary actions in accordance with the college’s Academic Integrity Policy.

Student Signature: ___________________________   Date: ___________________________

This form may be completed and submitted manually or electronically (via email).
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**Nursing Course Curriculum (Undergraduate) A.A.S**

This program is for people interested in becoming a Registered Nurse. Graduates are prepared as beginning practitioners in entry level nursing. Graduates are eligible to take the national licensing examination (NCLEX-RN). This program is approved by the New York State Department of Education Office of the Professions and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

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**Total Credits** 62.0/63.0
Definitions

A **class period** is defined as a 50 minute period in which a group teaching method is employed, including presentations, lectures, discussions, demonstrations or combinations of these.

A **practicum period** is defined as a 50 minute period devoted to the direction and guidance of student application or development of principles, concepts, and skills in a particular physical environment. The practicum period is college laboratory and clinical learning.

A **contact hour** is a class period or a practicum period.

**Nursing Courses**

**NU101 Nursing 1 C-3, P-6, Cr-5 – Fundamentals of Nursing**

This course explores the art and science of nursing and provides the foundation for all subsequent nursing courses. The physical, physiological, psychological, sociocultural, and spiritual needs of the client are emphasized in the promotion of health and wellness. The roles and responsibilities of nursing practice in contemporary society are explored. Basic concepts of Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs theory, the nursing process, communication, critical thinking, leadership and management principles, ethical and legal aspects, and scientific principles of nursing and nursing skills are introduced. Clinical practicums are provided in a variety of healthcare facilities. Prerequisites: An appropriate Mathematics Placement test result or MA045 Basic Math Skills or MA050 Introductory Mathematics; High School Chemistry with laboratory or its equivalent. **Corequisite:** BI216 Human Anatomy & Physiology 1, NU111 Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics 1. (Fall semester)

**NU102 Nursing 2A C-2, P-6, Cr-4 (7 weeks) – Family Centered Maternity Nursing during the Pregnancy Cycle**

This course focuses on the physical, physiological, cultural, spiritual, and psychological needs experienced by the expanding family during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and post-partum periods. The nursing process, Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs theory, and critical thinking are integrated to meet the needs of the family in the perinatal cycle. Clinical experiences are provided in general hospital units and community agencies. **Prerequisites:** NU101 Nursing 1 with a minimum grade of 75.0; NU111 Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics 1 with a minimum grade of 75.0; BI216 Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 with a minimum grade of 70. **Corequisite:** BI217 Human Anatomy & Physiology 2. (Spring Semester)

**NU103 Nursing 2B C-2, P-6, Cr-4 (7 weeks) – Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing throughout the Life Cycle**

This course addresses the foundations of mental health and psychiatric nursing. It examines threats to the basic psychological needs of security, love and belonging, self-esteem, and self-actualization throughout the life cycle. The nursing process, Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs theory, and critical thinking are integrated to meet the needs of the client experiencing a disruption in mental health. Interpersonal relationships between the nurse and client are emphasized as a therapeutic modality.

Clinical practicums are provided in mental health and psychiatric settings. **Prerequisites:** NU101 Nursing 1 with a minimum grade of 75.0; NU111 Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics 1 with a minimum grade of 75.0; BI216 Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 with a minimum grade of 70. **Corequisite:** BI217 Human Anatomy & Physiology 2. (Spring Semester)
NU111 C-2, Cr-1 (7 weeks) – Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics

This course introduces the concepts pertaining to the pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of medications and dosage calculation for medication administration. **Corequisite:** NU101 Nursing 1. (Fall Semester)

**NU201 Nursing 3 C-6, P-12, Cr-10 – Threats to Basic Human Needs throughout the Life Cycle: Part 1**

This course focuses on the pathophysiologic and psychosocial responses in clients experiencing disruptions in oxygenation, nutrition, and metabolic function. It analyzes the role of the professional registered nurse in assisting clients to adapt to these stressors. The nursing process, Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs theory and critical thinking are integrated to meet the needs of the client experiencing a disruption in a medical/surgical setting. Concepts of nursing leadership and management are applied in providing care for a group of clients. A clinical practicum in a medical/surgical setting provides opportunities to assess and meet the needs of selected clients throughout the life cycle. **Prerequisites:** NU101 Nursing 1, NU111 Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics 1, NU102 Nursing 2A, NU103 Nursing 2B with a minimum grade of 75.0; BI216 Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and BI217 Human Anatomy & Physiology 2 with a minimum grade of 70;

ED100 College Seminar. **Corequisite:** BI201 Microbiology. (Fall Semester)

**NU202 Nursing 4 C-6, P-12, Cr-10 – Threats to Basic Human Needs throughout the Life Cycle: Part 2**

This course focuses on the pathophysiologic and psychosocial responses in clients experiencing disruptions in elimination, cognition and sensation, musculoskeletal function, protection and cellular aberration. The nursing process, Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs theory and critical thinking are integrated to meet the needs of the client experiencing a disruption in a medical/surgical setting. It explores the political, economic, social and cultural influences on nursing practice and healthcare. It assists the second-year student to become a contributing member within the discipline of nursing. A clinical practicum in a medical/surgical setting provides opportunities to assess and meet the needs of selected clients throughout the life cycle. **Prerequisite:** NU201 Nursing 3 with a minimum grade of 75.0, BI201 Microbiology with a minimum grade of 70.
Nursing Program Examination Policy

• Students are required to take all scheduled examinations at the scheduled date and time.  
• No “make-ups” for missed unit and final exams or quizzes. Any exam or quiz missed will result in a 0 (zero) for that test.  
• No additional time is given on any nursing examination unless arrangements are made with the Office of Accessibility Resources.  
• There will be no additional time allowed for a student who arrives late for the examination/quiz.  
• The English dictionary is not permitted during any examination or quiz.  
• Cheating is never tolerated. Refer to the MVCC Academic Integrity Policy.  
• All examinations/quizzes are the property of the Nursing Program.  
• Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices during examinations or writing instruments at the time examinations are being reviewed.  
• Exam grades will be returned to the students within one week following the exam.  
• Exams will be reviewed in all courses. Each unit exam will be available for review for up to 2 weeks after the exam is given. After that time the exam is no longer available for review. The student is responsible for e-mailing the instructor to set up a meeting time to review the exam.  
• Children are not allowed at exams. Students who bring children will be asked to leave the exam with no opportunity for a makeup.  

Computer Aided Policy

Computer aided instruction programs are available for each nursing course. Nursing courses include access to the ATI Nursing Education Resource. This is a computer aided resource to assist student learning. ATI provides curriculum support.

Peer Tutors

Peer tutors may be available by contacting the Learning Center

Skill Proficiency Examination

• Each student will complete a scheduled course specific skill proficiency examination(s)  
• (See specific course outline).  
• The student must be in full uniform for skill proficiency examination.  
• The critical elements for each skill must be performed with 100% accuracy.  
• If unsuccessful, the student will be allowed one (1) opportunity to repeat the skill test.  
• The student is responsible for retesting the skill following at least one (1) week of remediation.  
• Failure in the retest will result in a clinical failure and, thus, a course failure. The student will not be permitted in the clinical area and will not be permitted to take any subsequent class examinations.  
• The student is not eligible to withdraw from a nursing course if the skill proficiency retest is failed.

Nursing Program Grading Policy

Grading policy for ALL course beginning with NU:  
A = 90 – 100  
B = 80 – 89.99  
C = 75.0 – 79.9 (The minimum passing grade for all nursing courses)  
D = 65 – 74.99  
F = less than 65
Academic Compliance

Academic Integrity – any activity which violates or intends to violate the components of the Academic Integrity Policy:

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Deceitful actions towards peers and/or faculty

Lack of preparation – inadequate preparation for theory, lab, or clinical that does not pertain to formal assessments within the course.

- Consistent inability to answer instructor questions when called upon
- Demonstrating that required readings or videos were not reviewed

Missing/Incomplete/Late assignment – failure to submit an assignment on time or in its completed state more than one (1) time during a semester.

- Not submitting or late submission of required templates
- Not submitting or late submission of care plans, reflections, etc.

Other

- Anything that the faculty member feels may not fall within the above Event Descriptors

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, the student will (as per college catalog):

- Be matriculated in the nursing program.
- Complete all required courses and courses listed see Nursing Course Curriculum with a grade of C or higher.
- Achieve a minimum of 2.0 cumulative average.
- In all nursing courses, achieve a minimum grade of C (75.0) or better.
- In Human Anatomy & Physiology (A&P) 1 (BI 216), A&P 2 (BI 217) and Microbiology (BI 201), achieve a minimum final grade of C (70%) or better.
- In all Liberal Arts courses, achieve a minimum final grade of C (70%) or better.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to the college.
- Complete the DGV requirements.
- Have on file at the college high school transcript or GED.
- Apply to Graduate see [http://www.mvcc.edu/registrar/graduation](http://www.mvcc.edu/registrar/graduation)
- Pay the graduation fee.
- Complete the computerized state board RN Comprehensive Predictor examination.
- Complete each day of the NCLEX-RN State Board Review course.

Convocation/Pinning Policy

Students are required to wear the white professional graduation uniform and shoes for convocation.

- Hair up and off collar
- White nylons/hose
- Jewelry per clinical policy

Failure to comply will result in the student not being able to participate in Convocation.
State Licensure

Graduation from the Nursing Program does not guarantee RN licensure by the New York State Office of the Professions. If the applicant for licensure has charges pending or has been convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor, a license may be delayed or denied by the Board of Registration despite the graduate passing the NCLEX State Board Examination. All candidates are screened for charges and the outcome of the candidate being awarded a license is determined by the New York State Department of Education Office of the Professions.

Application forms/fees for NCLEX-RN

Website: www.op.nysed.gov/nurse.htm

NCLEX State Board Applications Forms will be distributed and the application process will be reviewed with senior nursing students during the NU 202 nursing course.

Steps to obtain student NYS Board Examination date:

1. Students complete their applications and mail during the spring semester
2. MVCC certifies students that meet all requirements to graduate, after grades are certified. Students must meet all MVCC graduation requirements in order to be certified to graduate http://www.mvcc.edu/registrar/graduation-information
4. MVCC registrar’s office notifies the NYS Licensure Board the names of the students certified to graduate.
5. Students receive a notification that they may sign up for their NCLEX Board Examination date.
   (per application form /via email)

Students that complete the course work required to graduate after the spring certification cannot be certified to graduate until the next certification date. Certification dates are determined by the registrar’s office.
Steps For Success On The National Counsel Licensure Exam For Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)

- Apply for licensure by the New York State Department of Education Office of the Professions or the appropriate agency approving licensure in another state.

- Register and pay required fee to Pearson VUE via the Internet or telephone. Payment via MasterCard, Visa or American Express will be accepted. You must be made eligible by the board of nursing (see Step 4) within 365 days of your registration and payment.

- Receive Acknowledgement of Receipt of Registration from Pearson VUE by email. Your username and password for the Pearson VUE website is located in this email.

- Board of nursing makes you eligible in the Pearson VUE system.

- Receive Authorization to Test (ATT) email from Pearson VUE.
  - You must test within the validity dates (an average of 90 days) on the ATT.
  - There are no extensions.
  - You no longer have to present the ATT email at your exam appointment.

- Schedule your exam appointment via the Internet (by accessing your online account) or by telephone (international scheduling may only be done by phone).

- Arrive for the exam appointment and present your acceptable identification.

- Receive your official results from your board of nursing up to six weeks after your exam (this time period varies among boards of nursing). For more information, please visit the following websites:
  - [http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nurseforms.htm](http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nurseforms.htm)
  - [https://www.ncsbn.org/1213.htm](https://www.ncsbn.org/1213.htm)
Graduation/Composite Picture Policy

Students who intend to graduate will be eligible to have their pictures taken for the master composite which hangs in hallway outside of the nursing lab (AB159).

- A photographer will be on campus during the spring semester to take individual photographs.
- You will receive a notice via e-mail/blackboard advising you when and where to sign up.
- Students are expected to be well groomed and in your white professional uniform.
- Body piercing jewelry is to be worn in the earlobes only (one post per ear, non-dangling).
- Visible tattoos are to be covered.
- Long hair should be off the collar.

Students will be subject to faculty inspection prior to having your photo taken. Any student who fails to comply with established guidelines will need to make corrections for compliance or forfeit their right to be in the composite.

- It is important to arrive promptly for your appointment, already in uniform, and fully prepared for your photo session.
- Students will be excused from lecture for a short time in order to attend your appointment.
- If pictures are taken during lecture time you will be expected to arrive to class already prepared for your photo session.
- If the class decides to wear a cap the college will provide use of one for your photo. The college will also provide use of a nursing pin if you don’t have yours with you for the photo.
- Payment is required on the day that your picture is taken. All photo fees are nonrefundable.
- Students and their families will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs.
End of Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program the graduate will:

**Patient Centered Care**
Evaluate nursing care provided to patients, families, groups, and communities across the lifespan from diverse backgrounds in a variety of settings to ensure that it is compassionate, age and culturally appropriate, and based on a patient’s preference, values, and needs.

**Teamwork and Collaboration**
Collaborate with members of the inter-professional health care team to manage and coordinate the provision of safe, quality care for patients, families, and groups.

**Evidence Based Practice**
Demonstrate use of best current evidence and clinical expertise when making clinical decisions in the provisions of patient centered care.

**Informatics**
Use evidence based information and patient care technology to communicate relevant patient information, manage care, and mitigate error in the provision of safe, quality, patient centered care.

**Quality Improvement**
Use evidence based quality improvement processes to effect change in the delivery of patient centered care.

**Safety**
Demonstrate effective use of strategies to mitigate errors and reduce the risk of harm to patients, self, and others in a variety of settings.

**Leadership**
Use leadership, management, and priority setting skills in the provision and management of safe, quality, patient centered care.

**Professionalism**
Assimilate integrity and accountability into practice that upholds established regulatory, legal, and ethical principles while providing patient centered care.

**Nursing Program Outcomes**

**Program Completion**
Eighty percent (80%) of students admitted to the nursing program will graduate within six (6) semesters. Program completion as defined by ACEN: 150% of total length of program; six (6) semesters.

**Licensure Exam Performance**
Ninety percent (90%) of graduates will pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) on their first attempts.

**Employment**
Eighty percent (80%) of graduates will be employed as Graduate or Registered Nurses or enrolled in a bachelor’s program within six (6) months of graduation.
2018-2019 Curriculum Contract

Student’s Name (Print): ____________________________  Student M Number: __________________

Student’s Initials below on Line

______ 1. I understand the academic requirements for successful completion of the Nursing Program are as follows:
   A. I must obtain a grade of 75.0 in NU101, NU111, NU102, NU103, NU201, and NU202.
   B. If I am unsuccessful once in any of the above nursing courses, as a result of an F–failure, W–
      withdrawal or D grade I will be dismissed from the program.
   C. If I am unsuccessful as a result of an F–failure, W–withdrawal or D grade in Human Anatomy
      & Physiology 1, Human Anatomy & Physiology 2, and/or Microbiology courses at MVCC or
      any other college, I will be dismissed from the program without the option to reapply.
   D. I take responsibility for meeting all academic requirements to include completing prerequisites
      and co-requisites.

______ 2. I understand that the following grading policy for NU101, NU111, NU102, NU103, NU201 and NU202
      will be used to determine the final grade of every student in each nursing course. Passing a nursing
      course requires a minimum of 75.0 points.                      A = 90-100   B = 80-89.99   C = 75-79.99   D
      = 65-74.99   F = less than 65

______ 3. I will take the designated NCLEX Predictor Exam in NU202. I know this is a NU 202 course
      requirement and failure to take the Predictor Exam will result in an “F” for NU 202.

______ 4. I take responsibility for attending every day of the NCLEX-RN State Board Review Course. I know
      this is a NU 202 course requirement and failure to all days in will result in an “F” for NU 202.

______ 5. I take responsibility for achieving a minimum of 2.0 cumulative average in the A.A.S. nursing
      curriculum in order to be certified to graduate.

______ 6. I take responsibility for achieving a minimum grade of C in all nursing program required courses listed
      on the curricular display sheet for the nursing program.

______ 7. I have read and understand the College Attendance Policy.

______ 8. I have received a copy of the Nursing Student Handbook and accept responsibility to comply with all
      policies/protocols.

______ 9. I have access to the MVCC Student Handbook for the current year and accept responsibility for its
      contents.

______ 10. I am aware of the College Academic Complaint Policy as outlined in the MVCC Student Handbook.

______ 11. I have received and signed a copy of the Nursing Confidentiality Statement and HIPAA Guidelines and
      agree to comply. Any failure to comply with the terms of these documents will result in dissmalsh from
      the program without the option to reapply.

______ 12. I take responsibility for meeting the MVCC ADN Nursing Program Essential Functions. If for any
      reason I am not able to fulfill the Essential Functions, I am responsible for notifying the Coordinator
      within 24 hours of the circumstance that prevents me from meeting the program essential functions.

______ 13. I am aware that there are no “make-ups” for missed unit and final exams. Any exam missed will result
      in an exam grade of zero. Extenuating circumstances must be submitted to the Coordinator within 24
      hours for a full faculty review and consideration. Failure to follow this timeline will result in a zero for
      the exam.
14. I am aware that the MVCC Nursing Program has many resources available to students. These include but are not limited to: faculty, health professions resources specialist, financial aid, health career advisors, counseling center, completion coaches, technical lab assistant and the learning center. I take responsibility for seeking resources if necessary.

15. I am aware of the Student Nurse Physical Health Form requirements and take responsibility for compliance. Failure to complete the form in its entirety by the first clinical day will result in dismissal from the program with no option to reapply.

16. I take responsibility in having my high school diploma or a GED on file in order to be certified to graduate.

17. I take responsibility for official transcripts to be sent to MVCC and evaluated for equivalency in order to be certified to graduate. Final grades of C minus are not transferable into the MVCC Nursing Program.

18. I grant permission to MVCC/Nursing Program upon request to release my medical information to the healthcare affiliation agency where I am assigned to attend clinical.

19. I grant permission to MVCC/Nursing Program upon request to release my date of birth and or social security number required to the healthcare affiliation agency where I am assigned to attend clinical.

20. I grant permission to the MVCC’s Registrar office to send all necessary personal information including but not limited to date of birth and social security number to the New York State Education Department after I have been certified to graduate.

21. I am aware that the nursing faculty will inform students of the possible requirement of a criminal background check and/or drug screening. Students who fail a criminal background check or drug screening test may be unable to fulfill the academic requirements necessary to obtain their degree. It is the student's obligation, at his/her expense, to obtain his/her background check and/or drug screening as required by the applicable agency. The student must maintain his/her results and present them upon appropriate request.

22. I am aware that the Associate Dean of the Department of Health Professions will inform the student that has charges pending or a felony and/or misdemeanor conviction that his/her license may be delayed or denied.

Student’s Name (Print): ________________________________________________________________

Student Signature: ___________________________________________________________________

M#: ____________________________________________________________________________

Date: ___________________________________________________________________________

Street: ___________________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________________________________________________________

State: ___________________________________________________________________________

Zip Code: _______________________________________________________________________

Phone number: ___________________________________________________________________

The signed document will be placed in the students file.
HIPAA Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996

Privacy Rule Overview

The goals for maintaining rigorous adherence to HIPAA compliance requirements within all MVCC-sponsored programs, projects and activities are designed to:

• Ensure the security and confidentiality of Protected Health Information (PHI) and Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) as covered by HIPAA;
• Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information
• Protect against unauthorized access, use or disclosure of such information.

Each student should complete the necessary training on how to comply with the policies and procedures for maintaining HIPAA compliance.

Reminders:

Protected health information is any information that allows you to associate a person’s identity with their health care information. This applies to all forms of media including: paper documents, electronic files and data, course notes, research papers, video and sound recordings, photos, charts, etc. As it pertains to MVCC-sponsored programs, project and activities, the following are reminders of common privacy and security practices for protected health information that must be followed:

• Any personal documents and notes in any form that contain individually identifiable health information on patients you come into contact with as a result of MVCC-sponsored training must be properly protected and its confidentiality must be maintained.
• MVCC students who are training at partner health provider organizations are prohibited from removing documents that contain individually identifiable health information without a written and signed authorization from the institutional Health Information Management Department (HIM) or authorized representative and the proper patient authorization.
• For MVCC students participating in MVCC-sponsored health care training the following activities involving individually identifiable health information are explicitly prohibited:
  o Sending such information through unsecure email,
  o Posting such information on any social networking site—regardless of the user account used by the MVCC student, faculty or staff to post the information, and
  o Disclosing such information during classroom discussions and/or presentations.

All violations of HIPAA privacy and security policies and practices are taken very seriously. All violations will be reported to the Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health for review to determine the extent of the violation and the appropriate sanctions to be applied, where necessary.

Sanctions may include notification of the student’s advisor with a note in the student’s advising file, reductions in the grade for the course up to and including failure, and remedial action as directed by the MVCC Conduct Officer.
American Nursing Association Code of Ethics

Nurses have a responsibility to practice ethically and safely. The Code of Ethics recognizes that nursing practice has changed, and that nurses of today are responsible for more than just their patients. The code provides guidance and all nurses should be familiar with its provisions and interpretive statements. However, situations may arise in which the code provides only limited direction. Nurses must remain knowledgeable and abreast of the literature and changes in ethical issues so that they may make appropriate decisions in difficult situations.

- The nurse, in all professional relationships, practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and uniqueness of every individual, unrestricted by considerations of social or economic status, personal attributes, or the nature of health problems.
- The nurse’s primary commitment is to the patient, whether an individual, family, group, or community.
- The nurse promotes, advocates for, and strives to protect the health, safety, and rights of the patient.
- The nurse is responsible and accountable for individual nursing practice and determines the appropriate delegation of tasks consistent with the nurse’s obligation to provide optimum care.
- The nurse owes the same duties to self as to others, including the responsibility to preserve integrity and safety, to maintain competence, and to continue personal and professional growth.
- The nurse participates in establishing, maintaining, and improving healthcare environments and conditions of employment conducive to the provision of quality healthcare and consistent with the values of the professional through individual and collective action.
- The nurse participates in the advancement of the profession through contributions to practice, education, administration, and knowledge development.
- The nurse collaborates with other healthcare professionals and the public in promoting community, national, and international efforts to meet healthcare needs.
- The profession of nursing, as represented by associations and their members, is responsible for articulating nursing values, for maintaining the integrity of the profession and its practice, and for shaping social policy.

*The MVCC Nursing students will adhere to the ANA Code of Ethics and the NYS Nurse Practice Act. Failure to do so will warrant disciplinary action.*
Ethical Principles for MVCC Nursing

Nursing faculty and staff espouse to Ethical Principles as adapted from the 2012 National League for Nursing Ethical Principles for Nursing Education which is based upon the core values of caring, integrity, diversity and excellence. We are proud to foster an environment of academic and professional integrity which in turn will enhance patient care and positive outcomes.

Professional Behaviors

A breach of confidentiality in the clinical site, the classroom setting, or online is considered to be both unprofessional and unsafe and may be grounds for immediate dismissal from the nursing program (see the Health Information Portability and Portability Accountability Act (HIPPA) policy and Confidentiality Statement in the Handbook).

Professionalism

Disruptive to learning – behaviors that impede the ability of the instructor to effectively teach or learners to effectively learn.

- Talkative
- Cell phone use

Failure to comply – inadequately conforming to the standards and protocols identified within, but not limited to, the Nursing Student Handbook, Course Syllabus, and Course Calendar.

- Not completing Health Form Requirements
- Not adhering to remediation requirements
- Not completing required lab hours, as indicated
- Not contacting relevant instructor within one (1) hour of an absence from any setting
- Not contacting relevant coordinator within 24 hours of an absence from lab or clinical
- Not completing alternate activities, as assigned
- Inappropriate dress in the learning environment

Unprofessional conduct – behavior that contradicts professionalism as defined by MVCC, Nursing Program, or professional nursing standards and codes of conduct.

- Disrespectful speech or tone to faculty, peers, patients, or clinical staff
- Inappropriate comments made about any group or individual (veraled or written, including on social media)
- Inappropriate comments made about MVCC or the Nursing Program (veraled or written, including on social media)

Other

- Anything that the faculty member feels may not fall within the above Event Descriptors
**Professional Clinical/Practicum Behaviors**

During the period of clinical/practicum assignment to any health care agency each student in the program is expected to understand and to follow all policies and procedures of the clinical agency to which they are assigned. All nursing students are to wear their MVCC name tag when in the clinical area preparing for and/or attending clinical or practicum experiences.

Patients cared for by the MVCC student have a right to expect confidentiality (see the Health Information Portability and Portability Accountability Act (HIPPA) policy and Confidentiality Statement in the Handbook). All students are expected to maintain patient confidentiality and practice according to sound ethical and professional principles.

This means:

- Students must guard against the inadvertent or purposeful sharing of information regarding any aspect of a patient’s treatment in any setting, except as required by the necessities of professional education, treatment, or management.
- Confidential information includes the patient name or any identifying diagnoses.
- All correspondences related to a patient must be carefully safeguarded.

As the purpose of clinical experience is one of providing authentic learning for students with the help of our professional colleagues in health care settings, the following are a few examples of inappropriate clinical behavior that can compromise clinical learning, quality nursing care, and healthy relationships with our clinical partners:

- Making personal phone calls or texting from a cell phone or from an agency phone during clinical time;
- Disruptive behavior during change of shift report;
- Photocopying from a patient’s chart;
- Arriving late or unprepared to clinical.

Faculty and clinical affiliate faculty (part-time/adjuncts) often have a need to communicate with students outside of clinical hours and away from the clinical site. **Students are expected to check their MVCC email regularly and respond to faculty and clinical affiliate faculty requests within 24 hours.**
**Professional Classroom Behaviors**

Students are reminded that they represent the MVCC community and its mission to our colleagues with all they say (verbally and nonverbally) and do. Use of racist or sexist language or language that is derogatory of another minority or marginalized group is grounds for disciplinary actions.

Students at MVCC, whether engaged in campus-based or online “virtual” classrooms, are expected to behave with academic integrity as addressed in the MVCC Student Handbook. Students are expected to be prepared to participate actively in course-related activities. Students and faculty have the right to an environment conducive to learning. Nursing students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner in the academic setting at all times. To meet this expectation, students should respect the rights of fellow students to have a class free of personal criticism, distracting noise, and disruptive and inappropriate behaviors. Use of racist or sexist language or language that is derogatory of another minority or marginalized group is grounds for disciplinary actions.

All behaviors that are disruptive to classroom activities and/or learning processes, to include arriving late, are considered to be unprofessional and inappropriate classroom behaviors. If the faculty considers the behavior of a student to be disruptive to the class, the student may be asked to leave. Consequences for missing class activities will depend on the expectations of individual courses.

The following are examples of other, but not all inappropriate, unprofessional campus-based classroom behaviors:

- Using a cell phone in class or keeping a cell phone on personal pager on. (If the student has an emergency circumstance that may require that s/he be contacted, the faculty is to be approached for permission to have the cell phone/pager on silent or vibrate mode. If a silent page is received, it is to be answered outside of the classroom);
- Using a computer in a way that is disruptive to classroom processes and/or teaching and learning;
- Talking to other students during faculty or student discussion.
- Sleeping in class
- Late for class
- Repeatedly going in and out of class.

**Cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, collusion or any form of academic dishonesty will be grounds for dismissal (please refer to the MVCC Academic Integrity Policy).**

**Professional Behaviors related to Attendance and Punctuality**

On-time attendance is expected at all classes, seminars, conferences, laboratory, and clinical experiences. Faculty retain the right to request a written excuse from a health care provider for illness-related absences. Students are expected to come prepared and to actively participate in all course, lab and clinical experiences.

**Professional Behaviors related to Social Media**

MVCC nursing students and faculty are not allowed to post anything on a social media site that is in violation of any health care regulatory policy or deemed unprofessional. Students will not post anything negative related to MVCC faculty, program, or clinical agencies.
MVCC Nursing Program Confidentiality Statement

When a patient enters any health care facility, we assume an obligation to keep in confidence all that pertains to that patient and to that patient’s affairs. This responsibility is shared by every person employed in the health facility and by all who have any direct or indirect care–giving relationships to patients. Reasons for admission, as well as information about diagnosis and treatment are confidential and must be respected as such.

As a student in each health care facility or community setting, you are bound to the same obligation. You are obliged to refrain, both in and out of the facility, from discussing any patient or any information about a patient or family except in the line of duty. You may discuss patient information only with the nursing staff, physician(s), and other healthcare providers caring for the patient, the nursing instructor and nursing students, on a need to know basis, only at an appropriate time and location such as post-conference.

To engage in other discussions for any reason, is not only a breach of confidentiality, but may also involve you in legal proceedings. This includes all social media. Such behavior is sufficient reason for immediate dismissal from the clinical facility/community setting, and from the Nursing Program.

MVCC Nursing Program Confidentiality Agreement

Definitions:
Confidential Communication: information given by a client/family member, regardless of the method in which it is acquired, in the belief that NO disclosure will be made to another party (moral/ethical obligation).
Privileged Communication: refers to the confidential information relayed to a health care professional that prohibits disclosure unless the patient waives the privilege (legal obligation).

STATEMENTS:
1. _________ I understand and agree that as a student I will come into possession of the most intimate personal information about patients I have both a legal and an ethical duty NOT to reveal confidential communications.
2. _________ I understand the legal duty arises because the law recognizes a RIGHT TO PRIVACY. To protect this right, there is a corresponding DUTY to obey.
3. _________ I understand and agree that all information obtained in a learning environment related to the client MUST be kept in strict confidence.
4. _________ I further understand that a breach of confidentiality may involve me in legal proceeding.
5. _________ I accept the responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of all patient/family information.
6. _________ I understand that I am prohibited from photocopying patient records.
7. _________ I understand I cannot carry a cell phone or other electronic devices into clinical facilities.
8. _________ I have received and reviewed a copy of HIPAA guidelines and agree to abide by these.
9. _________ I understand that a breach in confidentiality will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the clinical facility/community setting, and from the Nursing Program.

Name: __________________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________________________________________

M Number: __________________________________________________________________________

The signed document will be placed in the students file.

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Recording Contract for Nursing Student

I, ________________________________________ a student in _________________________ taught by ______________________________________ at Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC), promise to use lectures recorded in the class named above specifically and solely to assist and enhance my personal educational experience and acquisition of course material, having no malicious, self-profiting and/or other than good intentions.

I will not reproduce, in any way, the recordings of the lectures or transcripts produced from those recordings, nor will I share the recordings/transcripts with anyone other than my instructor. These recordings/transcripts are for my personal study only and will not be used in any way against the faculty member, other lecturers, or students whose classroom comments are recorded as part of the class activity. Any information obtained about patients, counseling recipients, and all others will be kept strictly confidential and must not be discussed or shared with others under any circumstances.

At the conclusion of the course, I will erase all recordings and destroy all transcripts of class lectures. I am aware that all information contained in recorded lectures/transcripts is protected under federal copyright laws and may not be published or quoted without the express consent of the lecturer and without giving proper identity and credit to the lecturer.

Pledge: I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above policy and will abide by the policy with regard to all lectures or transcripts while enrolled as a student at MVCC.

Student (Signature): ________________________________________ Date: ______________

The signed document will be placed in the students file.
MVCC Student Nurse Academic Integrity Pledge Form

It is expected that all nursing students will support the Academic Integrity/Honor Code of MVCC in all activities related to their studies and will refrain from any form of academic and professional dishonesty or deception in the classroom, clinical agencies, Clinical Learning Unit, online, and other learning settings. These behaviors include cheating, plagiarism, violation of client confidentiality, falsification of data, falsification of records, and/or aiding and abetting dishonesty. The professional nurse is also responsible and accountable to maintain a safe and respectful environment in the practice arena. Therefore, the MVCC student is expected to adhere to and model the professional values of the American Nurses’ Association Standards of Nursing Practice, The Nursing Code of Ethics.

Academic Integrity Pledge

I _____________________pledge to support the MVCC Academic Integrity Policy. I will refrain from any form of academic and professional dishonesty or deception in the classroom, clinical agencies, Clinical Learning Unit, online, and other learning settings. The behaviors I will not participate in include cheating, plagiarism, violation of client confidentiality, falsification of data, falsification of records, and/or aiding and abetting dishonesty. I will adhere to the model of professional values of the American Nurses’ Association Standards of Nursing Practice, The Nursing Code of Ethics.

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Student Signature: ____________________________________________

Date: ____________________________________________

The signed document will be placed in the students file.
Nursing Program Corrective Action Definitions

Corrective Actions are remedial tools intended to identify and address occurrences that take place within the learning environment. These occurrences include, but are not limited to student actions that are not congruent with:

- standards set forth by professional nursing practice organizations
- defined policies, protocols, and/or guidelines set forth by this manual
- requirements and expectations set forth by the nursing program
- requirements and expectations set forth by specific course syllabi
- principles of client safety, caring, and asepsis

Actions that place a patient’s safety at risk will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

A Nursing Referral form will be completed for students requiring remediation or extra help in the lab, clinical, or classroom in order to follow students’ progress.

An Academic Counseling form will be completed for violations of policies, unsafe practice, missing assignments, attendance, etc. A student will be dismissed from the program if they incur 3 Academic Counseling forms in the same category (Professionalism, Academic Compliance, and Safety) during the 2 year program.

Academic Alert Form Companion

Academic Alerts are intended to identify behaviors that are detrimental to the professional landscape of nursing, the academic environment, and/or patient safety. These behaviors are may also impede success, as identified by faculty.

Students receiving three (3) occurrences within the same Event Descriptor during the length of the program will be dismissed from the program.

Students receiving three (3) occurrences within an academic semester, regardless of the Event Descriptor, will be dismissed from the program.

Examples of Event Descriptors

Note: The Event Descriptors are not limited to the examples provided.

Breach of Confidentiality
- HIPPA violation
- Talking about client information in “common” areas
- Searching for client information that is unrelated to the learning outcomes for the clinical experience

Medication error – any medication administration practice that brings potential or actual harm to a client.
- Administering medication in violation of the five (5) rights of medication administration

Unsafe Practice – any clinical practice, other than medication errors, that brings potential or actual harm to a client.
- Leaving a client’s bed elevated
- Not wearing proper protective equipment when required
- Poor hand hygiene practices
- Leaving medications unattended

Other
- Anything that the faculty member feels may not fall within the above Event Descriptors
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SIGNATURES
Safety

Sharps Incident Policy

The following procedure is to be followed if a faculty/staff member or a student receives a contaminated sharps/needle stick exposure incident in the clinical facility, college laboratory or during any clinical rotation.

- The incident is to be reported immediately to the clinical instructor.
- Any sharps/needle stick exposure incident is to be reported by the clinical instructor to the Associate Dean of the Department of Health Professions within 24 hours.
- The individual must be treated according to the CDC Guidelines.
- A college and/or clinical agency incident report is to be completed by the student at the time of injury and coordinate with the charge nurse to inform the hospital supervisor.
- The individual is to be sent immediately to the Emergency Department if a contaminated sharps/needle stick exposure incident occurred in a healthcare facility.
- If the incident occurred in the MVCC lab, the student/faculty must report to the MVCC Student Health Center or appropriate medical facility immediately. In the event, the Student Health Center is closed, the individual must report on the next day of business. If the incident is with a contaminated sharp/needle stick the student must report to the Emergency Department.
- A copy of the incident report and the ED report, if applicable, must be on file in the MVCC Student Health Center.
Scholarship Opportunities

Below are a list of scholarships available to students. Students interested in applying can stop by PH220 or visit mvcc.edu/scholarships

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<td>The Nancy Caputo Nursing Scholarship was established in May 2011 by the Caputo Family, colleagues and friends in celebration of her retirement as the Associate Dean of Nursing &amp; Allied Health. This scholarship is the legacy that will continue to assist a nursing student who demonstrates a caring heart, healing hands and the intellectual ability and determination to become a registered nurse.</td>
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| Criteria Checklist                | • Must be a Full-Time Student who has completed their first semester in Nursing (Curriculum Code 45) and successfully completed Nursing 101 (NU101) and Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 (BI106)
• Must be an Oneida County Resident
• Must have a Min. Cum. 2.85 GPA
• Student must submit letter addressing:
  (1) why they want to be a nurse
  (2) state their long-term professional goal
  (3) state why they feel they should be selected to receive this scholarship
• Academic Achievement
• Education/Work Ethic
• Must show Financial Need
• Community Involvement and/or Service
• Entrepreneurial Skills, Endeavors, and/or Achievements |
| Application Process               | Contact Institutional Advancement in Payne Hall Room 220 for a General MVCC application |
| Selection by:                     | Health Professions Faculty        |

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<td>For his entire 36-year career at MVCC, Professor Sam Drogo (MrD) was the heart and soul of anatomy and physiology instruction. Because of his dedication to teaching and mentorship, countless of his students have gone on to stimulating and productive careers in healthcare, medicine, science and education. This $1,000 scholarship in his memory is intended to recognize and reward a student who has excelled in the college’s Anatomy &amp; Physiology course sequence. It is open to students who have successfully completed 30 credits of study with at least a 3.0 GPA and who have also completed both semesters of Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology with at least a grade of B. In addition, applicants must submit a short essay of 500-1,000 words detailing the role and value of Anatomy &amp; Physiology in their academic preparation and career plans and goals. Applications must be accompanied by 2 faculty letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an Anatomy &amp; Physiology instructor.</td>
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<td><strong>Amount Awarded</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Criteria Checklist</strong></td>
<td>Must be Part-Time or Full-Time Matriculated Student</td>
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<td>Must have completed 2 semesters or a minimum of 30 credit hours of study with at least a 3.0 GPA and who have completed both semesters of Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology with at least a grade of B.</td>
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<td>Scholarship Name:</td>
<td>Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield Scholarship</td>
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<td>Deadline to Apply</td>
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<td>GPA</td>
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<td>1st Year</td>
<td>✔ (must have completed a minimum of one semester at MVCC)</td>
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<td>2nd Year</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
<td>1 Semester - Renewable (student must apply each year)</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>This scholarship was established by Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield for Full-Time students pursuing a degree in Allied Health/Health Information Technology.</td>
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<td>Amount Awarded</td>
<td>$500</td>
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| Criteria Checklist| • Pursuing a degree in Allied Health/Health Information Technology program  
|                  | • Must be a Full-Time Matriculated student  
|                  | • Must be a Resident of Herkimer County or Oneida County  
|                  | • Must show Financial Need  
<p>|                  | • Academic Achievement  |
| Application Process | Contact Institutional Advancement in Payne Hall Room 220 for a General MVCC application  |
| Selection by:    | Health Professions Faculty  |</p>
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<tr>
<th>Scholarship Name:</th>
<th>Faxton Hospital Alumni Association</th>
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<td>GPA</td>
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<td>2nd Year</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>The alumni association, organized in 1902, established from the contributions and generosity of alumni, continue to support education in the profession of nursing.</td>
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<td>Amount Awarded</td>
<td>3 Awards @ $600 ($300 Per Semester) dependent on funds</td>
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| Criteria Checklist | • Must be a nursing student entering Nursing 201  
• Must demonstrate the potential for degree completion and success in the field of Nursing  
• Preference will be given to students who would have difficulty continuing without support  
• Must have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. each semester  
• Must reside in Oneida or Herkimer County |
<p>| Application Process | Contact Institutional Advancement in Payne Hall Room 220 for a General MVCC application |
| Selection by: | Health Professions Faculty |</p>
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<td>Duration</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>In memory of Jill A. Korrasik, 21, who was a second-year nursing student when her life ended tragically as a result of a car accident.</td>
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<td>Amount Awarded</td>
<td>Up to $500 as tuition credit</td>
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| Criteria Checklist| • Must be a nursing student who has successfully completed Nursing 101, 102 and 103  
• Must be a member of the Student Nurses’ Organization  
The winning candidate chosen will be considered most improved, academically and clinically. |
<p>| Application Process| Contact Institutional Advancement in Payne Hall Room 220 for a General MVCC application |
| Selection by:    | Health Professions Faculty |</p>
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<th>Scholarship Name</th>
<th>Lions Club of Utica</th>
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<td>Deadline to Apply</td>
<td>November 15</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>Lions Club of Utica was founded in 1924 and is dedicated to serving people with impairments and to serving youth through education.</td>
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<td>Amount Awarded</td>
<td>$250 in tuition credit</td>
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| Criteria Checklist  | • Must be a Nursing, Human Services or Life Science major  
|                     | • Must have at least a 2.5 G.P.A.  
|                     | • Must be from the City of Utica  
|                     | • Must be in second year at MVCC and be of good character, civic-minded |
| Application Process | Contact Institutional Advancement in Payne Hall Room 220 for a General MVCC application |
| Selection by        | Scholarship Review Committee |

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<th>Scholarship Name</th>
<th>Lisa A. Parlato &amp; Clark M. Brown Scholarship in Health Services</th>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>This scholarship was established to support the efforts of adult students in any Health Services field – whether they are beginning for the first time or working toward completion of a previously launched degree program.</td>
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<td>Amount Awarded</td>
<td>Amount varies to be used for tuition, fees, or books</td>
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| Criteria Checklist | • Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA  
|                   | • May be full-time or part-time  
|                   | • MUST BE AT LEAST 30 YEARS OF AGE AT TIME OF APPLICATION  
<p>|                   | • Must receive a recommendation from a faculty member in Nursing and Allied Health |
| Application Process | Contact Institutional Advancement in Payne Hall Room 220 for a General MVCC application |
| Selection by:    | Health Professions Faculty                                   |</p>
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<td>Duration</td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>The family of Eustelle McMillan, led by her husband, John H. McMillan, MVCC Dept. Head/Professor Emeritus, Mechanical and Civil Engineering, has established this scholarship in her memory to celebrate her lifetime of nurturing and caring for others.</td>
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<td><strong>Amount Awarded</strong></td>
<td>$1000 for tuition, fees, and books only</td>
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| **Criteria Checklist** | - Must have completed the first year of his/her Nursing Program  
- Must be in good standing and demonstrate the potential for degree completion and success in the field of Nursing  
- Preference given to students who would have difficulty continuing without support |
<p>| <strong>Application Process</strong> | Contact Institutional Advancement in Payne Hall Room 220 for a General MVCC application |
| <strong>Selection by:</strong> | Health Professions Faculty |</p>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>An annual nursing student scholarship awarded to a second-year student from MVCC’s Nursing Program.</td>
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<td>Amount Awarded</td>
<td>$200 as tuition credit</td>
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<td>Criteria Checklist</td>
<td>• Award is based on need, academic achievement, and potential in a nursing career.</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>William &amp; Bonnie Waldron and their family have always felt the responsibility of being members of their community. After raising their children, Bonnie returned to MVCC where she received a degree in Nursing. Bonnie went to work for Hospice Care where she spent 16 years in a “labor of love” nurturing and caring for the terminally ill and their families. Established this scholarship as a way to say “thank you” for all the bounty and blessings of their lives. Through it, they hope to make a real difference in the lives of future caregivers. This award is given to a nursing student who has completed their first year in the Nursing Program.</td>
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<td>Amount Awarded</td>
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| Criteria Checklist | • Must be in good standing and  
 |                   | • Must demonstrate the potential for degree completion and success in the field of Nursing  
 |                   | • Preference will be given to students who would have difficulty continuing without support  
 |                   | • Must be a resident of Oneida or Herkimer County  |
| Application Process | Contact Institutional Advancement in Payne Hall Room 220 for a General MVCC application |
| Selection by     | Health Professions Faculty |
$6900. Introduction.

This article applies to the profession of nursing. The general provisions for all professions contained in article one hundred thirty of this title apply to this article.

$6901. Definitions.

As used in section sixty-nine hundred two:

1. "Diagnosing" in the context of nursing practice means that identification of and discrimination between physical and psychosocial signs and symptoms essential to effective execution and management of the nursing regimen. Such diagnostic privilege is distinct from a medical diagnosis.

2. "Treating" means selection and performance of those therapeutic measures essential to the effective execution and management of the nursing regimen, and execution of any prescribed medical regimen.

3. "Human Responses" means those signs, symptoms and processes which denote the individual's interaction with an actual or potential health problem.

$6902. Definition of Practice of Nursing

1. The practice of the profession of nursing as a registered professional nurse is defined as diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential health problems through such services as case finding, health teaching, health counseling, and provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being, and executing medical regimens prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist or other licensed health care provider legally authorized under this title and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations. A nursing regimen shall be consistent with and shall not vary any existing medical regimen.

2. The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse is defined as performing tasks and responsibilities within the framework of case finding, health teaching, health counseling, and provision of supportive and restorative care under the direction of a registered professional nurse or licensed physician, dentist or other licensed health care provider legally authorized under this title and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.

3. 
   a. 
      i. The practice of registered professional nursing by a nurse practitioner, certified under section six thousand nine hundred ten of this article, may include the diagnosis of illness and physical conditions and the performance of therapeutic and corrective measures within a specialty area of practice, in collaboration with a licensed physician qualified to collaborate in the specialty involved, provided such services are performed in accordance with a written practice agreement and written practice protocols except as permitted by paragraph (b) of this subdivision. The written practice agreement shall include explicit provisions for the resolution of any disagreement between the collaborating physician and the nurse practitioner regarding a matter of diagnosis or treatment that is within the scope of practice of both. To the extent the practice agreement does not so provide, then the collaborating physician's diagnosis or treatment shall prevail.
      ii. Prescriptions for drugs, devices and immunizing agents may be issued by a nurse practitioner, under this paragraph and section six thousand nine hundred ten of this article, in accordance with the practice agreement and practice protocols except as permitted by paragraph (b) of this subdivision. The nurse practitioner shall obtain a certificate from the department upon successfully completing a program including an appropriate pharmacology component, or its equivalent, as established by the
commissioner's regulations, prior to prescribing under this paragraph. The certificate issued under section six thousand nine hundred ten of this article shall state whether the nurse practitioner has successfully completed such a program or equivalent and is authorized to prescribe under this paragraph.

iii. Each practice agreement shall provide for patient records review by the collaborating physician in a timely fashion but in no event less often than every three months. The names of the nurse practitioner and the collaborating physician shall be clearly posted in the practice setting of the nurse practitioner.

iv. The practice protocol shall reflect current accepted medical and nursing practice. The protocols shall be filed with the department within ninety days of the commencement of the practice and may be updated periodically. The commissioner shall make regulations establishing the procedure for the review of protocols and the disposition of any issues arising from such review.

v. No physician shall enter into practice agreements with more than four nurse practitioners who are not located on the same physical premises as the collaborating physician.

b. Notwithstanding subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a nurse practitioner, certified under section sixty-nine hundred ten of this article and practicing for more than three thousand six hundred hours may comply with this paragraph in lieu of complying with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subdivision relating to collaboration with a physician, a written practice agreement and written practice protocols. A nurse practitioner complying with this paragraph shall have collaborative relationships with one or more licensed physicians qualified to collaborate in the specialty involved or a hospital, licensed under article twenty-eight of the public health law that provides services through licensed physicians qualified to collaborate in the specialty involved and having privileges at such institution. As evidence that the nurse practitioner maintains collaborative relationships, the nurse practitioner shall complete and maintain a form, created by the department, to which the nurse practitioner shall attest, that describes such collaborative relationships. For purposes of this paragraph, "collaborative relationships" shall mean that the nurse practitioner shall communicate, whether in person, by telephone or through written (including electronic) means, with a licensed physician qualified to collaborate in the specialty involved or, in the case of a hospital, communicate with a licensed physician qualified to collaborate in the specialty involved and having privileges at such hospital, for the purposes of exchanging information, as needed, in order to provide comprehensive patient care and to make referrals as necessary. Such form shall also reflect the nurse practitioner's acknowledgement that if reasonable efforts to resolve any dispute that may arise with the collaborating physician or, in the case of a collaboration with a hospital, with a licensed physician qualified to collaborate in the specialty involved and having privileges at such hospital, about a patient's care are not successful, the recommendation of the physician shall prevail. Such form shall be updated as needed and may be subject to review by the department. The nurse practitioner shall maintain documentation that supports such collaborative relationships. Failure to comply with the requirements found in this paragraph by a nurse practitioner who is not complying with such provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, shall be subject to professional misconduct provisions as set forth in article one hundred thirty of this title.

c. Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed to limit or diminish the practice of the profession of nursing as a registered professional nurse under this article or any other law, rule, regulation or certification, nor to deny any registered professional nurse the right to do any act or engage in any practice authorized by this article or any other law, rule, regulation or certification.

d. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any activity authorized, pursuant to statute, rule or regulation, to be performed by a registered professional nurse in a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of the public health law.

e.

i. In conjunction with and as a condition of each triennial registration, the department shall collect and a nurse practitioner shall provide such information and documentation required by the department, in consultation with the department of health, as necessary to enable the department of health to evaluate access to needed services in this state, including but not limited to the location and type of setting wherein the nurse practitioner practices; if the nurse practitioner has practiced for fewer than three thousand six hundred hours and is practicing pursuant to a written practice agreement with a physician; if the nurse practitioner practices pursuant to collaborative relationships with a physician or hospital; and other information the department, in consultation with the department of health, deems relevant. The
Department of Health, in consultation with the department, will make such data available in aggregate, de-
identified form on a publicly accessible website.

ii. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall issue a report on the
implementation of the provisions of this section, along with information that includes, but is not limited
to: the number of nurse practitioners practicing for fewer than three thousand six hundred hours that
practice pursuant to a written practice agreement with a physician; the number of nurse practitioners that
practice pursuant to collaborative relationships with physicians or with hospitals; and other information
the department deems relevant, including but not limited to, any recommendations for the continuation
of or amendments to the provisions of this section relating to written practice agreements or collaborative
relationships. The commissioner shall submit this report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the
temporary president of the senate, and the chairs of the assembly and senate higher education committees
by September first, two thousand eighteen.

§6903. Practice of nursing and use of title "registered professional nurse" or "licensed practical
nurse".

Only a person licensed or otherwise authorized under this article shall practice nursing and only a person licensed under
section sixty-nine hundred four shall use the title "registered professional nurse" and only a person licensed under section sixty-nine hundred five of this article shall use the title "licensed practical nurse". No person shall use the title "nurse" or
any other title or abbreviation that would represent to the public that the person is authorized to practice nursing unless the
person is licensed or otherwise authorized under this article.

§6904. State board for nursing.

A state board for nursing shall be appointed by the board of regents on recommendation of the commissioner for the purpose
of assisting the board of regents and the department on matters of professional licensing and professional conduct in
accordance with section sixty-five hundred eight of this title. The board shall be composed of not less than fifteen members,
eleven of whom shall be registered professional nurses and four of whom shall be licensed practical nurses all licensed and
practicing in this state for at least five years. An executive secretary to the board shall be appointed by the board of regents
on recommendation of the commissioner and shall be a registered professional nurse registered in this state.

§6905. Requirements for a license as a registered professional nurse.

To qualify for a license as a registered professional nurse, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:
1. Application: file an application with the department;
2. Education: have received an education, and a diploma or degree in professional nursing, in accordance with the
commissioner's regulations;
3. Experience: meet no requirement as to experience;
4. Examination: pass an examination satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;
5. Age: be at least eighteen years of age;
6. Citizenship: meet no requirement as to United States citizenship;
7. Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and
8. Fees: pay a fee of one hundred fifteen dollars to the department for admission to a department conducted examination
and for an initial license, a fee of forty-five dollars for each reexamination, a fee of seventy dollars for an initial license
for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examination, and a fee of fifty dollars for each triennial
registration period.

§6906. Requirements for a license as a licensed practical nurse.

To qualify for a license as a licensed practical nurse, an applicant shall fulfill these requirements:
1. Application: file an application with the department;
2. Education: have received an education including completion of high school or its equivalent, and have completed a
program in practical nursing, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, or completion of equivalent study
satisfactory to the department in a program conducted by the armed forces of the United States or in an approved program in professional nursing;
3. Experience: meet no requirement as to experience;
4. Examination: pass an examination satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, provided, however, that the educational requirements set forth in subdivision two of this section are met prior to admission for the licensing examination;
5. Age: be at least seventeen years of age;
6. Citizenship: meet no requirements as to United States citizenship;
7. Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and
8. Fees: pay a fee of one hundred fifteen dollars to the department for admission to a department conducted examination and for an initial license, a fee of forty-five dollars for each reexamination, a fee of seventy dollars for an initial license for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examination, and a fee of fifty dollars for each triennial registration period.

§6907. Limited permits.

1. A permit to practice as a registered professional nurse or a permit to practice as a licensed practical nurse may be issued by the department upon the filing of an application for a license as a registered professional nurse or as a licensed practical nurse and submission of such other information as the department may require to
   i. graduates of schools of nursing registered by the department,
   ii. graduates of schools of nursing approved in another state, province, or country or
   iii. Applicants for a license in practical nursing whose preparation is determined by the department to be the equivalent of that required in this state.
2. Such limited permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance or upon notice to the applicant by the department that the application for license has been denied, or ten days after notification to the applicant of failure on the professional licensing examination, whichever shall first occur. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, if the applicant is awaiting the result of a licensing examination at the time such limited permit expires, such permit shall continue to be valid until ten days after notification to the applicant of the results of such examination.
3. A limited permit shall entitle the holder to practice nursing only under the supervision of a nurse currently registered in this state and with the endorsement of the employing agency.
4. Fees. The fee for each limited permit shall be thirty-five dollars.
5. Graduates of schools of nursing registered by the department may be employed to practice nursing under supervision of a professional nurse currently registered in this state and with the endorsement of the employing agency for ninety days immediately following graduation from a program in nursing and pending receipt of a limited permit for which an application has been filed as provided in this section.

§6908. Exempt persons.

1. This article shall not be construed:
   a. As prohibiting
      i. the domestic care of the sick, disabled or injured by any family member, household member or friend, or person employed primarily in a domestic capacity who does not hold himself or herself out, or accept employment as a person licensed to practice nursing under the provision of this article; provided that if such person is remunerated, the person does not hold himself or herself out as one who accepts employment for performing such care; or the administration of medications or treatment by child day care providers or employees or caregivers of child day care programs where such providers, employees or caregivers are acting under the direction and authority of a parent of a child, legal guardian, legal custodian, or an adult in whose care a child has been entrusted and who has been authorized by the parent to consent to any health care for the child and in compliance with the regulations of the office of children and family services pertaining to the administration of medications and treatment; or
      ii. any person from the domestic administration of family remedies; or
iii. the providing of care by a person acting in the place of a person exempt under clause (i) of this paragraph, but who does hold himself or herself out as one who accepts employment for performing such care, where nursing services are under the instruction of a licensed nurse, or under the instruction of a patient or family or household member determined by a registered professional nurse to be self-directing and capable of providing such instruction, and any remuneration is provided under section thirty-six hundred twenty-two of the public health law or section three hundred sixty-five-f of the social service law; or

iv. the furnishing of nursing assistance in case of an emergency;

v. tasks provided by a direct support staff in programs certified or approved by the office for people with developmental disabilities, when performed under the supervision of a registered professional nurse and pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between the office for people with developmental disabilities and the department, in accordance with and pursuant to an authorized practitioner's ordered care, provided that:

1. a registered professional nurse determines, in her or her professional judgement, which tasks are to be performed based upon the complexity of the tasks, the skill and experience of the direct support staff, and the health status of the individual being cared for;

2. only a direct support staff who has completed training as required by the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities may perform tasks pursuant to this subparagraph;

3. appropriate protocols shall be established to ensure safe administration of medications;

4. a direct support staff shall not assess the medication needs of an individual;

5. adequate nursing supervision is provided, including training and periodic inspection of performance of the tasks. The amount and type of nursing supervision shall be determined by the registered professional nurse responsible for supervising such task based upon the complexity of the tasks, the skill and experience of the direct support staff, and the health status of the individual being cared for;

6. a direct support staff shall not be authorized to perform any tasks or activities pursuant to this subparagraph that are outside the scope of practice of a licensed practical nurse;

7. a direct support staff shall not represent himself or herself, or accept employment, as a person licensed to practice nursing under the provisions of this article;

8. direct support staff providing medication administration, tube feeding, or diabetic care shall be separately certified, and shall be recertified on an annual basis;

9. the registered professional nurse shall ensure that there is a consumer specific medication sheet for each medication that is administered; and

10. appropriate staffing ratios shall be determined by the office for people with developmental disabilities and the department to ensure adequate nursing supervision. No direct support staff shall perform tasks under this subparagraph until the office for people with developmental disabilities and the department have entered into a memorandum of understanding to effectuate the provisions of this subparagraph. The office for people with developmental disabilities shall complete a criminal background check pursuant to section 16.33 of the mental hygiene law and an agency background check pursuant to section 16.34 of the mental hygiene law on the direct support staff prior to the commencement of any provision of service provided under this subparagraph if such direct support staff is a new hire. Individuals providing supervision or direct support tasks pursuant to this subparagraph shall have protection pursuant to sections seven hundred forty and seven hundred forty-one of the labor law, where applicable;

b. As including services given by attendants in institutions under the jurisdiction of or subject to the visitation of the state department of mental hygiene if adequate medical and nursing supervision is provided;

c. As prohibiting such performance of nursing service by students enrolled in registered schools or programs as may be incidental to their course of study;

d. As prohibiting or preventing the practice of nursing in this state by any legally qualified nurse or practical nurse of another state, province, or country whose engagement requires him or her to accompany and care for a patient temporarily residing in this state during the period of such engagement provided such person does not represent or hold himself or herself out as a nurse or practical nurse registered to practice in this state.
e. As prohibiting or preventing the practice of nursing in this state during an emergency or disaster by any legally qualified nurse or practical nurse of another state, province, or country who may be recruited by the American National Red Cross or pursuant to authority vested in the state civil defense commission for such emergency or disaster service, provided such person does not represent or hold himself or herself out as a nurse or practical nurse registered to practice in this state;

f. As prohibiting or preventing the practice of nursing in this state, in obedience to the requirements of the laws of the United States, by any commissioned nurse officer in the armed forces of the United States or by any nurse employed in the United States veterans administration or United States public health service while engaged in the performance of the actual duties prescribed for him or her under the United States statutes, provided such person does not represent or hold himself or herself out as a nurse registered to practice in this state; or

g. As prohibiting the care of the sick when done in connection with the practice of the religious tenets of any church.

h. As prohibiting the provision of psychotherapy as defined in subdivision two of section eighty-four hundred one of this title to the extent permissible within the scope of practice of nursing as defined in this title, by any not-for-profit corporation or education corporation providing services within the state and operating under a waiver pursuant to section sixty-five hundred three-a of this title, provided that such entities offering such psychotherapy services shall only provide such services through an individual appropriately licensed or otherwise authorized to provide such services or a professional entity authorized by law to provide such services.

§6909. Special provision.

1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special, or local law, any licensed registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse who voluntarily and without the expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment at the scene of an accident or other emergency, outside a hospital, doctor's office or any other place having proper and necessary medical equipment, to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured shall not be liable for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by such person or for damages for the death of such person alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of such first aid or emergency treatment unless it is established that such injuries were or such death was caused by gross negligence on the part of such registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse. Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed or construed to relieve a licensed registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse from liability for damages for injuries or death caused by an act or omission on the part of such nurse while rendering professional services in the normal and ordinary course of her practice.

2. Nothing in this article shall be construed to confer the authority to practice medicine or dentistry.

3. An applicant for a license as a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse by endorsement of a license of another state, province or country whose application was filed with the department under the laws in effect prior to August thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-one shall be licensed only upon successful completion of the appropriate licensing examination unless satisfactory evidence of the completion of all educational requirements is submitted to the department prior to September one, nineteen hundred seventy-seven.

4. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a registered professional nurse, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, consistent with subdivision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of this article, and consistent with the public health law, for:

   a. administrating immunizations.
   b. the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis.
   c. administering purified protein derivative (PPD) tests.
   d. administering tests to determine the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus.
   e. administering tests to determine the presence of the hepatitis C virus.
   f. *the urgent or emergency treatment of opioid related overdose or suspected opioid related overdose.  
      * NB Effective August 11, 2015

5. A registered professional nurse may execute a non-patient specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner.
6. A registered professional nurse defined under subdivision one of section sixty-nine hundred two of this article may use accepted classifications of signs, symptoms, dysfunctions and disorders, including, but not limited to, classifications used in the practice setting for the purpose of providing mental health services.

7. *
   a. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent influenza or pneumococcal disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.
   b. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent acute herpes zoster.
   A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent meningococcal disease.
*NB Effective until July 1, 2015

7. *A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.
*NB Effective July 1, 2015 until March 31, 2016

§6910. Certificates for nurse practitioner practice.

1. For issuance of a certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner under subdivision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of this article, the applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:
   a. Application: file an application with the department;
   b. License: be licensed as a registered professional nurse in the state;
   c. Education:
      i. have satisfactorily completed educational preparation for provision of these services in a program registered by the department or in a program determined by the department to be the equivalent; or
      ii. submit evidence of current certification by a national certifying body, recognized by the department; or
      iii. meet such alternative criteria as established by the commissioner's regulations;
   d. Fees: pay a fee to the department of fifty dollars for each initial certificate authorizing nurse practitioner practice in a specialty area and a triennial registration fee of thirty dollars. Registration under this section shall be coterminous with the nurse practitioner's registration as a professional nurse.

2. Only a person certified under this section shall use the title "nurse practitioner".

3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any act or practice authorized by any other law, rule, regulation or certification.

4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any activity authorized, pursuant to statute, rule or regulation, to be performed by a registered professional nurse in a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of the public health law.

5. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this section.