

# CT State Nursing Program Mission, Vision and Philosophy

## Mission

The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) is dedicated to developing excellence in nursing by providing affordable, innovative, and academically rigorous nursing education. Our program strives to prepare graduates with knowledge, skills, and attitudes to meet the ever-increasing complexity of the healthcare needs for the diverse communities served.

## Vision

The Vision of the CT-CCNP is to prepare safe, competent, and compassionate entry-level nurses who transform the lives of persons and communities. The CT-CCNP endeavors to be a personally and professionally rewarding academic program that fosters diversity, innovation, quality, and excellence.

## Philosophy

CT-CCNP is committed to achieving excellence in nursing education and patient care based on our beliefs about the concepts of teaching and learning, nursing, person, society and environment, and health which provide a framework for the curriculum of our nursing program.

## Teaching and Learning

We aim to create safe and nurturing academic initiatives supporting lifelong learning. The faculty strives to equip students with critical thinking and clinical judgment skills to provide safe, competent, high-quality care. We believe robust educational foundation enables nurses to translate the knowledge to practice evidence-based care for people and the community.

## Nursing

Nursing is a scholarly discipline focusing primarily on caring human interactions. Establishing meaningful human relationships helps promote healing. It encompasses autonomous and collaborative care that includes protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities, preventing illness and injury, and alleviating suffering. Nurses accomplish this by diagnosing and treating the human response to health conditions. We believe it is the moral responsibility of nursing to provide culturally congruent, compassionate, and competent care to all human beings.

## Person

We believe in the nature of holism of an individual in the pure sense in which the whole is bigger than the sum of parts. We believe it is imperative to honor and care for the unique needs of individuals. Person is the main focus and priority of self-care in relation to one another, including families, communities, and populations. Every individual deserves to be respected regardless of personal differences.

## Society and Environment

We believe a caring environment can accelerate healing by making people feel safe and comfortable. The environment includes internal (physiological, psychological, spiritual) and external (cultural, political, social) factors influencing a person's well-being. We believe it is society's responsibility to eliminate healthcare inequities and create a fair environment in which all human lives can flourish.

## Health

Health is not just a state free of symptoms of diseases but a dynamic state of being in which an individual can realize their maximum developmental and behavioral potential. An identified primary goal of nursing is to restore and maintain the health of the person and communities. Health and illness exist on parallel continuums such that even people with chronic or debilitating illnesses may experience optimal levels of health through adaptation. We believe it is imperative to focus on the totality of a person's health parameters.

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