

Prior Program Objectives: Graduate Program in Nursing

General Objectives of the Program

The program goals or outcomes reflect the program's professional nature and purpose of preparing graduates to practice at an advanced level in nursing education, nursing research, nursing clinical practice, and nursing research. As the Program Statement notes:

The School of Nursing's Graduate Program expects the following outcomes from MScN graduates: knowledge generation and creative expressions of scholarship, critical analysis of theory/literature and experience, leadership in advanced nursing practice, reflective and transformative practice, and evaluation of outcomes within a philosophy consistent with human science values. We believe that it is necessary to understand and critique the social, cultural, and political contexts in which individual, group, community, and global health is lived. It is important to challenge systemic values, assumptions, and structures that limit possibilities for human health and healing. Nurses care for whole persons in the human health experience, which is embodied and holistic. Our graduates develop, apply, and critique knowledge. They also advance excellence of caring-healing modalities, as well as holistic and integrative practices, within nursing. (From Student Handbook, p. 12. <http://www.yorku.ca/gradnurs/mscn/documents/2012StudentHandbook-Aug2012.pdf>)

To that end the general objectives of the Program are that the graduate of the program will:

- 1 Be accountable to the public and responsible for practicing within the professional and ethical standards of nursing.
- 2 Seek to understand the health and healing experiences of individuals, families, groups and communities by establishing caring relationships toward enhancing health and quality of life.
- 3 Incorporate multiple ways of knowing in decision making and problem solving, in partnership with clients.
- 4 Be able to think critically and reflectively.
- 5 Be committed to life long learning.
- 6 Facilitate collaborative relationships in nursing, with the community and the interdisciplinary team.
- 7 Demonstrate leadership in nursing practice.
- 8 Advocate and support healthy organizational and public policy that promotes the health of individuals, families, groups and communities.
- 9 Influence the advancement of the nursing profession through excellence in practice, education and research.
- 10 Demonstrate global consciousness, both personally and professionally, through actions that support and promote human and planetary health.