



**KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY**

ASSOCIATE

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AAS)

The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Program (A.A.S.) is a pre-licensure program for those who do not hold a registered nurse license. The A.A.S. program prepares students to provide nursing care to individuals, families, groups, and communities. The program also provides a foundation for further study in nursing. Graduates of the A.A.S. program are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) required for practice as a registered nurse.

TERMINAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

The associate degree terminal learning outcomes provide clear statements of expected results, derived directly from the nursing framework, and reflect the school's mission and core values. Using core knowledge graduates from the associate degree program are able to:

- Utilize the nursing process as the framework for critical thinking in providing safe and effective client-centered care for diverse individuals, families and communities across the life span.
- Integrate best practice evidence as a basis for providing safe and effective patient-centered care.
- Exhibit attitudes and behaviors that demonstrate an appreciation for professional advancement, and service.
- Engage in nursing practice that incorporates values, ethics, morals, and legal aspects of the profession.
- Contribute to humanitarian services in a culturally diverse environment.
- Demonstrate effective communication with individuals, families and significant others, and members of the interdisciplinary health care team.
- Utilize health information technology tools to augment and improve health care delivery.
- Incorporate principles of delegation when tasking members of the health care team while considering patient safety, organizational policy, ethics and scope of practice criteria.