



***American International University
West Africa
AIU Health Science Center at the Gambia***

College of Nursing

PART I

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

AIUWA Health Science Center: Vision Statement

AIUWA Health Science Center's vision is to train, in a spirit of collegiality and with a standard of excellence, outstanding clinicians and humane leaders in medicine, nursing and health sciences. Our vision is to foster excellence, integrity, collaboration, compassion, leadership, creativity, diversity, and life long learning.

AIUWA Health Science Center: Mission Statement

AIUWA Health Science Center supports the mission of College of Nursing. We prepare students to function effectively as members of the healthcare team by advancing healthcare through

- Innovative educational programs
- Excellence in teaching
- Clinical leadership
- Service to the community

***College of Nursing:
Mission Statement***

The College of Nursing is committed to meeting the educational needs of future and current professional and vocational nurses within an ever-changing healthcare system. College of Nursing promotes and encourages student achievement utilizing various teaching modalities. In our effort to serve the diverse communities and cultures within the African continent, we provide:

- Quality student-centered learning and success
- An innovative multi-dimensional learning environment that enhances learning situations

- Partnerships within the community that promote cultural enrichment and strengthen involvement in local, national and global health issues
- Commitment to excellence in nursing education, practice, and life-long learning

Philosophy:

College of Nursing believe nursing is a humanistic, scientific discipline. It is the art and science of caring that utilizes knowledge, values and skills as a foundation for practice. Nursing education focuses on articulating relationships among the following concepts: person, nursing, environment and health. Optimal learning occurs within an environment that places responsibilities of learning on the individual, provides freedom for inquiry, considers individual differences, and provides correlation between research, theory and practice. Within this educational process, the student acquires knowledge, develops self-discipline, critical thinking skills and the competencies necessary for the practice of nursing within a multidisciplinary healthcare environment.

A career in nursing can open the door to a number of professional opportunities. At AIU Health Science Center's College of Nursing we educate our students to be leaders in the healthcare system providing the highest quality nursing care.

Aims and Objectives

College of Nursing is committed to helping our students succeed in their nursing education. The aim of the nursing programs at the various levels is to enable nurses:

- To assume responsibilities as professional competent nurses and midwives at basic level and to provide preventive, curative and rehabilitation services.
- To make independent decisions in nursing situations and to protect the rights of and facilitate individuals and groups in pursuit of health.
- To function in the hospital, community nursing services, and conduct research studies in the areas of nursing practice.
- To assume the role of teachers, supervisor & manager in clinical/public health settings.
- To assess health status, identify nursing needs, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for patients/clients that contribute to the health of individuals, families and communities.
- To demonstrate competency in techniques of nursing based on concepts and principles from selected areas of nursing, physical, biological and behavioral sciences.
- To demonstrate skills in communication and interpersonal relationship.
- To demonstrate leadership qualities and decision – making abilities in various situations
- To demonstrate skills in teaching to individuals and groups in community health settings.
- To practice ethical values in their personal and professional life.
- To recognize the need for continued learning for their personal and professional development.