MacEwan University
Faculty of Nursing
Message from the Dean

In the fall of 2016, our Strategic Planning Committee began an exciting journey to determine the future of the newly structured Faculty of Nursing. After more than 400 stakeholder consultations, three key themes emerged that will guide us over the next 5 years: our ability to inspire and educate exemplary nurses; our capacity to create connections; and our desire to transform lives.

We have developed bold strategic and operational priorities that will establish us as a stellar Faculty of Nursing, making a difference in the health of our global communities.

We are energized and ready to transform nursing education; to lead innovative research and scholarship in alliance with our health care partners, government and industry; and to establish a culture of wellbeing grounded in caring and diversity.

We envision being the Faculty of Nursing that paved the way for the future of interprofessional education and simulation – and we are well on our way to achieving this. Through collaboration we can provide state-of-the-art experiences that link theory with practice. We are committed to creating shared experiences that not only inspire, but transform.

We are excited about what the next 5 years hold for the Faculty of Nursing at MacEwan University as we aim to achieve our vision. Thank you for sharing in the journey with us.

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Dean & Professor, Faculty of Nursing
Together we are Inspiring Nurses. Creating Connections. Transforming Lives.
We have a desire to be bold and extend our reach. This strategic plan will be our guide.
How will we measure success?

By 2022, our academic excellence and culture of innovation will drive academic and industry partnerships that elevate our shared work and create transformative learning experiences for a global community of nurses.
Vision:
Nurses making a difference in the health of global communities.

Mission:
Transformative learning in nursing education and professional practice.
Core Values:
Integrity.
Respect.
Innovation.
Caring.
Connectedness.
Our Strategic Priorities:

Our faculty are leaders in their fields and passionate about preparing students for exceptional careers in nursing. With unique programming, MacEwan University now has one of the largest nursing enrolments in Western Canada.
We will ensure that our decisions are based on our values and reflect our priorities.
Our Strategic Priorities

TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING
Transformative learning deepens understanding of the self, revises or reaffirms belief systems and changes behavior. We will work to ensure that transformative learning occurs by delivering academic excellence with innovation, as demonstrated by:

- Excellence in evidence informed teaching and curricula.
- Leading in simulation based learning and continuing education for nurses and other health care providers.
- Expanding inter-professional education and international learning opportunities for faculty and students.

LEADING EDGE RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP
We will foster an environment that encourages innovation by:

- Cultivating a culture of research and scholarship.
- Extending local, national and international research and scholarship alliances.
- Strengthening knowledge exchange and mobilization.

INSPIRED LEADERSHIP & PARTNERSHIPS
We look to partner with academic and industry leaders who are shaping the future and who will elevate our shared work by:

- Expanding leadership focus for students and faculty.
- Extending partnerships locally, nationally and globally.
- Leading in student employment readiness.

SPIRIT OF WELL-BEING
We will support the well-being of faculty, staff and students by:

- Celebrating diversity.
- Promoting healthy work and learning environments.
- Supporting professional and career development.
Departments and Centres

FACULTY OF NURSING

The University's Faculty of Nursing includes two departments; the Department of Nursing Science and the Department of Psychiatric Nursing. For life-long learners, the Centre for Professional Nursing Education offers a variety of innovative Continuing Education programs grounded in evidence-informed practice. All students can receive hands-on experience in The Clinical Simulation Centre, where students practice skills and critical thinking in a state of the art learning environment.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SCIENCE

The Department of Nursing Science is a recognized leader in undergraduate education, providing students with an exceptional academic and leadership foundation for a career as a registered nurse. The BScN program fosters evidence-informed learning supported by advanced technology, resulting in confident and credible practitioners. We are guided by our academic strategic plan that commits to leadership in nursing education, excellence in research, scholarship, and inclusivity within an engaged community. Each year of the 4-year Program of Study consists of a concentrated theory and lab term, followed by a concentrated clinical term where students apply theory to develop professional nursing practice.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

As the only Psychiatric Nursing education program in the province, we are the entryway to Psychiatric Nursing in Alberta, with campuses in two locations and a pathway to degree completion for practicing Registered Psychiatric Nurses wanting to extend their studies in their chosen field. Transformative learning occurs through the delivery of high quality, innovative, relevant curricula; strong professional, academic and clinical partnerships; attention to professional standards; and responsiveness to changing trends and societal and stakeholder needs. Courses are delivered through a combination of on-site and online study. The fundamental concepts of holism, autonomy, dignity, client perceptions and shared meaning are incorporated into the curriculum while we focus on achieving optimal wellness for the client.
CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSING EDUCATION (CPNE)

The Centre for Professional Nursing Education provides nurses and health-care professionals with the opportunity to expand knowledge and expertise through a variety of post-diploma/degree programs, certificates, courses and workshops. Our vibrant learning environment connects nurses to experts within the field, across the province, the country and around the world. Courses are offered online or in the classroom, allowing students flexibility to expand their knowledge base while maintaining a career. Grounded in evidence informed practice, our success is built on a collaborative approach to revision and development of new curriculum to reflect the changing needs of the nursing community.

THE CLINICAL SIMULATION CENTRE (CSC)

The Clinical Simulation Centre (CSC) is a state-of-the-art clinical laboratory and simulation learning space that sets the stage for students from nursing and other programs to practice skills and exercise critical thinking in a realistic, immersive environment. Simulation-based learning tools include: computerized full-bodied mannequins, anatomical models, patient actors, and computer-based learning platforms. We bring theory to life and enable students to integrate theory into practice. The highly specialized CSC team, in collaboration with MacEwan faculty and key strategic partners, champion best practices in simulation, and engage in scholarship and research to promote patient safety, clinical excellence, and interdisciplinary education.
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