



MSU Department of Nursing Introduction and History

Morehead State University (MSU) is a public university supported by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Historically, the University traces its lineage to the Morehead Normal School which opened in 1887. The campus of MSU is located in northeastern Kentucky, approximately sixty miles from southwestern West Virginia and southern Ohio. The service region spans a total of twenty-two counties of eastern Kentucky. The town of Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky, has a population of 7,593 people. Over the course of years, the town has grown to accommodate the University and student population.

The Department of Nursing is comprised of the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADNP) and the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BNP). The Department of Nursing is housed within the College of Science and Technology (S & T). The Department of Nursing supports MSU's mission by providing academic programs to prepare health care professionals to meet the health care needs of eastern Kentucky which is primarily of Appalachian heritage.

The majority of our student population is enrolled full-time in order to comply with financial aid requirements. Approximately 85% of MSU students receive some form of financial assistance. The ADNP admits approximately 40-50 students each semester and has many students preparing for admission. The ADNP is located on the Morehead Campus and is also delivered by Interactive Television at the Mt. Sterling Campus. Faculty members bring a breadth and depth of clinical practice and nursing education experience to the program.

The BNP admits approximately 45 students each fall and also has many students who are preparing for admission for either the pre licensure or post licensure (RN Track) components of the BNP. The BNP faculty also brings rich experience in clinical practice and nursing education to their program.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program holds accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) www.nlnac.org. The BNP is eligible for and is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/accreditation/>.

Both programs enjoy full approval from the Kentucky Board of Nursing.