The mission of the nursing program is to promote the health and well-being of people and communities by fostering excellence and innovation in nursing education, research and healthcare. The department offers potential students interested in becoming qualified to practice as a registered nurse two options: the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing and the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing. The programs are designed to reflect Alaska’s needs and health care delivery systems, although graduates are prepared for beginning practice positions in other geographic areas as well. An AAS direct articulation program is available for individuals who already hold the LPN license in Alaska. A baccalaureate completion program (RN-BS) is available for individuals who already hold the RN license in Alaska.

The undergraduate nursing programs are approved by the Alaska Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, info@acenursing.org (info@acenursing.org). Graduates of the programs are eligible to write the National Council Licensuring Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as a registered professional nurse in Alaska and other nursing jurisdictions. The baccalaureate program also provides students with the academic base for graduate study in nursing.

Information sessions are available to interested students. Times and locations are recorded on (907) 786-4560.