School of Nursing Philosophy

The philosophy of the School of Nursing reflects beliefs regarding person, environment, health, nursing and education. People have unique qualities and individual needs for respect, worth and recognition of personal dignity. They have the right to make choices and establish goals, which influence and are influenced by the environment. Health is a dynamic state of physiological, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Nursing is a health care discipline guided by professional standards of care supporting individuals, families, groups and communities in the promotion of health throughout the lifespan. Education is a self-actualizing, creative lifetime endeavor involving values clarification, inclusivity, progressive systematic inquiry, critical analysis and judgment (revised and approved 9-22-2015 at SON meeting, Evidence 1-A.1.).