University of Jamestown offers a bachelor of science degree in nursing, a program that incorporates all the requirements for a nursing major plus liberal arts courses. Professional nurses interact with a variety of individuals and therefore must have a broad understanding of the world in which they live in addition to excellent nursing skills. Classes in the fine arts, humanities, and social and physical sciences help prepare the graduate to relate to clients and coworkers as holistic and culturally diverse individuals.

**Program Strengths**

As a student nurse at University of Jamestown, you will have many opportunities to develop your skills as a nurse. The Jamestown community is rich in clinical facilities which will offer you insights and knowledge regarding the many different specialities of nursing that will be open to you as a registered nurse. You will work in skilled nursing care facilities, such as Jamestown Regional Medical Center, the Anne Carlsen Center, the North Dakota State Hospital, Sanford Hospital, and the James River Correctional Center, to name a few. The Jamestown Regional Medical Center is a new state-of-the-art hospital offering exciting opportunities for students to learn patient care in a high-tech facility.

As a graduate of University of Jamestown, you will have a bachelor of science degree in nursing with a strong foundation in the liberal arts. The diverse body of knowledge that you will gain from a liberal arts education will help you to develop the ability to think critically and to see relationships between ideas, philosophies, and subject areas - all of which will enhance your ability as a creative and caring professional nurse.

The Department of Nursing emphasizes the bio-psycho-social-spiritual nature of the patients for whom we care. This holistic approach to caring extends as well to our students. Consistent with the purposes of University of Jamestown, we seek to offer an environment that recognizes the distinctiveness of each student. We maintain small faculty-to-student ratios in the clinical settings. As a student nurse you will be supervised and taught by one clinical instructor for every five to seven students. The instructors and professors have extensive experience in nursing and will teach you the nursing skills and professional behaviors necessary to be a competent nurse in the contemporary health care system.

In addition to diverse clinical experiences, you will have ample opportunity to practice your skills in our nursing lab. We have sophisticated patient simulators that allow you to safely practice nursing procedures with pediatric, newborn, and adult patients. We have cardiac care simulators, wound care simulators, IV and injections simulators, and many other “practice dolls” that enable you to master nursing skills and move into the clinical arena with confidence. Perhaps the most exciting component of our nursing labs is the addition of hi-fidelity patient simulators. With these advanced simulation dolls we are able to create complex clinical simulations for you that closely reflect real-life patient situations requiring fast-thinking, competent nursing actions. You will even have the opportunity to practice labor and delivery skills with our hi-fidelity
maternity simulator.

As a student nurse, we encourage you to become an active member of the wider college community. Many of our students are involved in music, theater, sports, and organizations across the campus. We are especially proud of our Nursing Student Association which is active on campus and in the community.

Travel and Internship Opportunities
In the summer between your junior and senior year of nursing, many healthcare facilities offer internship opportunities. As a nursing intern you are paid a wage and have the opportunity to advance your nursing skills under the direction of nursing supervisors in the health care units to which you are assigned.

As a second semester senior nursing student, you will choose two healthcare facilities in which to complete a nursing preceptorship. You may choose almost any area of the country and any type of facility. You will be assigned to an expert nurse preceptor who will mentor you and polish your skills, preparing you to move into the real world of nursing after graduation.

For one of your preceptorship experiences, you may choose to travel to Kenya, Malawi, or Vietnam. In the two African countries you will work in a remote hospital in a jungle region of that country. You will work with children who have malaria and adults with HIV and health conditions related to hunger and poverty.

...experiences are life-changing and, as a reward for your dedication, you will end your stay in Africa with a Safari. In Vietnam, you will work in a hospital on the coast of the South China Sea that boasts one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. You will be working with Vietnamese nurses and will show them skills and procedures for caring for patients in the US tradition. At the same time, you will gain an awareness of the nursing traditions and practices of the Vietnamese nurses.

Requirements for Entry into the Nursing Major
Enrollment in the nursing program is limited. This is mandated by state regulations for low faculty-to-student ratios in the clinical setting. Therefore, you must apply to enter the nursing program during the first semester of your sophomore year. Admission is based on a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. After admission into the program, it will take another five semesters to complete the nursing major.

Graduate Success
Graduates from the University of Jamestown nursing program are working as registered nurses throughout the United States. Many top-notch healthcare facilities actively recruit our graduates. After graduation with your BSN degree, many employment opportunities await you. The work placement rate for University of Jamestown graduate nurses is usually 100 percent. Baccalaureate nurses earn about $60,000 per year, on average.

University of Jamestown nursing graduates work in all specialty areas such as critical care, pediatrics, geriatrics, and many others. Many of our alumni have become nurse anesthetists, family nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and nursing educators. Many have gone on to complete doctoral degrees in nursing and related fields.

Faculty
Jacqueline Mangnall, Ph.D., RN
professor and department chair,
teaches Child/Adult Mental Health,
Nursing Research, and Special Topics:
Health Care in Kenya, Malawi and Vietnam.

Kim Ash, MS, RN, CNE
assistant professor, teaches
Childbearing Family, Child-Adult Health
and Nutrition

Penny Briese, MS, RN, EMT-B
lab coordinator, instructor, teaches
Child/Adult Health I and II.

Sarah Fuchs, MS, RNC, CNE
assistant professor, teaches Childbearing
Family, Mental Health, and Nursing
Leadership

Sheri Gunderson, MS, CNE, RN
assistant professor, teaches Nursing
Foundations and Child Adult Health I.

Wendy Hournbuckle, MS, RN
assistant professor, teaches Nursing
Foundations, Community Health, and
Special Topic: End-of-Life: The Role of the Nurse.

Mona Klose, MS, RN, CPHQ, CNE
assistant professor, teaches NCLEX Prep
and Nursing Management.

Amanda Lausch, RN, MSN, FNPC,
APRN, FNP-BC
instructor, teaches Child/Adult Health I
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Teresa Rittenbach, Ph.D., GNP, BC,
professor, teaches Nutrition, Child/
Adult Health II and III and Advanced
Cardiac Life Support.

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