**Teaching Philosophy**

My philosophy of teaching is strongly linked to my philosophy of professional nursing and I consider my teaching role an extension of my nursing role. I am passionate about nurse’s role in the healthcare world and it is my goal as an educator to prepare students for entrance into the profession of nursing. I strive to create a safe and nurturing student-centered environment that promotes respect for one another, the development of critical thinking skills, and the opportunity to learn from one another. I believe that education is a shared relationship between the educator and the student that requires collaboration and collegiality. I believe the educator is responsible for providing the foundation of knowledge for the student to build upon and from this platform the student will continue to develop professional maturity and inquiry, increased skill competency, and leadership qualities. The educator should be the one who encourages students to become autonomous searchers of learning, and in order for this to take place the student must be ready to engage in a collaborative learning environment provided by the educator.

I value the enthusiasm and eagerness of the nursing students as they strive for professional proficiency, independence, and achievement. I am optimistic that students share my passion to be a nurse and because of this I am hopeful they are inspired to learn and are motivated to accomplish their goals.

Nursing is considered an art and a science and both of these fields are essential to nursing’s mission of providing holistic care. Learning is enhanced when one is faced with situations that require the use of decision-making skills, critical reasoning skills, and application of knowledge. Each student brings diverse personal experiences, varied cultural experiences and different levels of knowledge to the learning environment. Learning is a continuous process and nursing is an ever-changing profession, thus my philosophy of teaching and approach to learning will evolve, as does the profession of nursing.