Adventist University of Health Sciences

Fall 2012 Commencement Ceremony

Calvary Assembly of God Sunday, December 16, 2012 4:00 p.m.



ADU Commitment Statement

We will live Healthcare as Ministry using our hands to do God's work To **exceed** expectations, to **help** even if the problem is not ours, to **believe** in spite of doubts, and to **serve** with joy Our **commitment** is more than words, so we will now **go and do likewise**

At the very core of healthcare is the opportunity to reveal the character of God by the attitude and actions displayed and performed by the caregiver. —David E. Greenlaw

President's Address to Graduates

You are the first class to receive a degree from Adventist University of Health Sciences. However, this is not a new institution, but a name change that builds upon the reputation and history of Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences. In this maturation process, the institution has evolved into a major center for those desiring to be health care professionals. For this we are extremely grateful.

The mission of the University has focused more sharply as well. To produce quality graduates is imperative; however, this is not adequate for us, as our mission must impact the practice of our graduates.

My desire for you, graduates, is an excellent understanding of your profession and its knowledge/practice, but linked to a delivery model that is based on ministry.

We wish you well in your continued journey as one of our alumni.

David E. Greenlaw Founding President/CEO

Commencement

Prelude	Convocation Charles Callahan
Processional	Pomp and Circumstance March Edward Elgar Graduates
	Procesion Alegre Garry Cornell Faculty
	Grand Triumphal March Alexander Guilmant President's Party
Scripture	Deuteronomy 6:4 – 9, NKJV Anthony Wilkerson Department of Health and Biomedical Sciences
Invocation	Mary Zulick Department of Diagnostic Medical Sonography
	Musical Interlude
Welcome	Dr. David E. Greenlaw President
Musical Selection	Greatest Love of All Kristen Castillo Linda Creed and Michael Masser
Commencement Address	"Tell Me a Story" Michael F. Cauley President, Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Class Response	Grace Jernigan Department of Nursing

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Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Dr. Len M. Archer Associate Vice President for Academic Administration

(Please hold applause until all diplomas have been presented.)

President's Charge

Welcome to the Alumni Association

New Alumni Response

Jonathan Gerst Department of Radiologic Sciences

> March of the Priests Felix Mendelssohn

Organist, Linda Van Niekerk

"The Song of ADU"

Please refrain from applause until all degrees are conferred. We thank you for not using flash or lighted video equipment during the commencement program. Please remain seated during the Recessional.

Dr. David E. Greenlaw President

Selena Seballo Director of Alumni Services

Pricilla Villatoro

Department of Radiologic Sciences

Benediction

Recessional

President

Dr. David E. Greenlaw

The Song of ADU

Dedicated to the Faculty, Staff, Students, and Alumni of Adventist University of Health Sciences

Words and Music by Len M. Archer, 2012



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Commencement Speaker Biography

Michael Cauley and Dottie, his wife, served in pastoral ministry for 15 years in the Southern Union region of the United States. In January 1993, Michael became Executive Secretary and Ministerial Director of the Pennsylvania Conference. Two years later, he was elected Conference President in Pennsylvania. While in Pennsylvania, Michael began a doctorate in executive leadership at McCormick Theological Seminary which he completed in 2006. In 2003, Michael was elected Florida Conference President. As President, he introduced a process for training life coaches and developing leaders. His passion is to see men and women grow and reach their God-given potential. Michael and Dottie have two children. Michael, along with his wife Ashley, serve as a pastor in Franklin, Tennessee. Kelly and her husband Brandon reside in Loma Linda, California. Kelly is completing a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Loma Linda University.

Adventist University of Health Sciences Graduates

Department of Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Summer 2012

Kholoud A. Ajib

Kristina Calvillo

Leslie H. Castro Cum Laude

Loretta Damron

Ashley Dawn Degenhardt

Miranda Lynn Despenes

Melissa Kay Genovese

Cindy Ann Hart *Cum Laude*

Annmarie Lobdell Summa Cum Laude

Judy Ann Malone Cum Laude

Ashley Colleen Oney Cum Laude

Melissa Flavia Quinn

Dana Marie Stoneking Cum Laude

Fall 2012

Cheryl Andrea Bandoo

Adam Floyd Cooper Cum Laude

Lynne Jermyn Dickert

Candice Renee McFather

Virginia Leigh Trace Cum Laude

Mary Lynn Zulick Magna Cum Laude

Department of Health and Biomedical Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

Fall 2012 _____

Bibi Razana Baharally	Jacqueline Miruinia Milliard
Kristin Suzanne Brodrick Cum Laude	Mariangie Rivera
Chantal Delva	Rhaimley Yap Romero <i>Cum Laude</i>
Davia Noelene James	Disha V. Shukla
Fabio Patrick De Carvalho Kaya <i>Cum Laude</i>	Anthony Donald Wilkerson <i>Cum Laude</i>

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Fall 2012 _____

Kristina Doloksaribu

Anjali Samaroo *Cum Laude*

Magda Lourdes Fleurimond

Theresa Marie Tiemann Summa Cum Laude

Yasmin Ocasio

Kathy Mai Tran

Associate of Science in Pre-Professional Studies

Summer 2012 _____

Daniel Sundara

Annelia C. Cyril

Martie Cassandra Thibeau

Department of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Summer 2012

Dyenann C. Bien-Aime Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Bethel Ann Brown Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Victor Edouard Buzon

Melissa Ann Cole

Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Carla Claire Gregorio

Jennifer Anne Hyatt Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Priscilla Bommelyn Kelleher Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors **Jocelyn Jean Longo** Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Joanne Marie Marcellina *Cum Laude*

Alyssa Kori Mederer

Charlotte Teclaire Moukouri Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Rachel Rebekah Petersen Cum Laude

Julia Rosana Santiago Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Leah Nicole Wren Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Fall 2012

Rajkumarie Baichu

Evan Elizabeth Ballantyne Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Heather Victoria Bischoff Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Elise Christine Bjelica Cum Laude

Nursing Honors

Kimberly Fonseca Bolanos Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Tonja Jo Brower Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Luzviminda T. Cannon

Nicole Carvalho

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Fall 2012

Stefany Kay Carville *Cum Laude Nursing Honors*

Barbara Lee Charles *Cum Laude Nursing Honors*

Jae Woo Choi

Wendy Rae Christensen Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Ronda Natalie Clark

Alejandro Berlin Dela Cruz Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Barbara Fernandez-Pereira Cum Laude

Beatriz Fernandez-Pereira

Beatriz Floriano *Cum Laude*

Monica Cerqueira Fontana *Cum Laude Nursing Honors*

Judith Kay Gaya *Cum Laude Nursing Honors* **Barbara Helen Gentilucci** Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Katherine Anne George Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Melissa Graziano Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

David Lawrence Gustafson

Angie Tompkins Harden

Edward Martin Hausle *Cum Laude Nursing Honors*

Susan Michelle Hausle Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Juanita Deonna Hawkins

Cynthia Marie Hawley

Grace Simpson Jernigan

Vanessa Rochelle Jones Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Cristina Renee Kastorsky Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Fall 2012

Adrienne Josette Kehr Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Jacqueline Bonny Larrea

Lori Webster Lee Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Natacha Legrand Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Rosanna Lopez-Murphy

Brieanna Ludwig Peterson

Cynthia Renee Magi Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Rechelle Anne Perez Maquera Cum Laude

Patricia René McElveen *Cum Laude*

Mariella Juliana Meier Cum Laude

Ruth Celamy Michel Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Rosa Molina

Irene Muñoz

Sharon Kathleen Cullerton Myer Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Desiree Lynn Noel

Donna Daryn Ogilvie Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Cristiana Rego Ordonez *Cum Laude Nursing Honors*

Katherine Michelle Pile

Jennifer Plakias Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Erika Sue Reed Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Brittany Michelle Rutherford Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

L-Habeebah Salaam

Carla Sanchez Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Fall 2012

Nilza Mabel Santiago Cum Laude

Tonya Eugenia Sims *Cum Laude*

Dana Maria Lee Thomas Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Stephanie Ann Trout Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors Kimberly Brower Williams Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Aline Maalba Wright Cum Laude

Megan Joy Wyckoff

Katie Marie Zamonis

Matina Kay Zimmerman

Associate of Science in Nursing

Summer 2012

Christina Marie Alvarado *Cum Laude*

Hashem Abu Baker

Kelli Michelle Baker

Katharine Lee Baucom-Threadgill

Michael Joseph Behnken Cum Laude

Shafi Al-Rahman Chowdhury

Stefanie Anne Clark

Leanne Michele Comey Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Laura Elizabeth Dalley

Matthew John Danna

Alvaro Eduardo Garay Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Yuleysie Genao Melo

Amber Rae Grayson

Associate of Science in Nursing

Summer 2012

Linda Ellen Hanzelko Karla Michele Mundo Vega Cum Laude Summa Cum Laude Nursing Honors Michelle Nichole Pozsonyi **Emily Jane Hartman** Sarah Jesseca Quetant John Emil Hartman II Jordan Elizabeth Reese **Michael Patrick Hays Michelle Renee Richards Lindsey Renee Howard** William Rivas Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors Sarah Marie John Sabrina Nichole Sainten **Stephanie Lanoue Stefanie Denise Sanders** Melanie Elizabeth Lau **Tiffany Silvera** Jennifer Natasha Lopez Sylvia Elizabeth Smith Lauren Ashley Ludwig Cum Laude **Erik A. Spradling** Holly Jean Martin Cum Laude **Catherine Marie McCormac Thomas George Sprys** Melissa Lee Melendez Sadé Zakiya Stewart **Charisse Antoinette Middleton** Lindsay Ann Ticknor **Abigail Leigh Molinaro** Jade Angela Timmons **Adam Drue Morris Kristen Emily Tooke**

Associate of Science in Nursing

Summer 2012

Barbara Ann Trombitas *Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Anne Vail Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors

Merlyn Varona

Alexis Jamiel Waldorf

Kaydeion Sharlene Watson

Emily Wilder Webb

Caley Marie Wilcox

Deseiria Lafay Wilkes

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Andreina Giulliana Adriazola <i>Cum Laude</i>	Michelin Cedeno
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	Jennifer Lee Cyr
Loryn Elisabeth Astle	
Trina Renae Baldwin Magna Cum Laude Nursing Honors	Amy Noelle Decker <i>Cum Laude</i> <i>Nursing Honors</i>
Transing Honors	Marcus Reid Dekle
Mary Janese Batson	Joshua Brian DeRose
Ashley Ann Benjamin <i>Cum Laude</i>	Milca Fenelon
Hannah S. Boldrey Magna Cum Laude	MacKenzie Leigh Ferguson
Nursing Honors	Grisel Figueroa
Christina Marie Brooks	Tina-Marie Figueroa

Associate of Science in Nursing

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Melinie Floyd	Stephanie Anne Matey
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Holly Annamarie Hanson Summa Cum Laude	Krystie Marie Merrill
Nursing Honors	Estefania Misuraca
Kelly Elizabeth Harley	Kimberly Denise Moore
Christina Diane Hopkins	Hannah Rae Moss
Jennifer Elizabeth Hunter <i>Cum Laude</i>	Elizabeth Padilla Cum Laude
Danielle Clarissa Jackson	Beth Zaida Quinones
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Marlie Sandra Laurent	Noella Tasha Richardson
Melissa Nicole Lee	Nordene Denise Rigaud <i>Cum Laude</i>
Steven Feraud Legeai	
Rebekah Carlita Lewis	Cassandra Celeste Marie Roseborough
	Stephanie Michelle Ross
Tiffany Lynn Lightfoot	Tichele Maé Saint Jean
Alexan Xavier Lima	Ŭ
Kathleen Elise Madden	Jennifer Victoria Schmidt
Cum Laude	Samantha Charmaine Shade

Thomas Patrick Shaughnessy *Cum Laude*

Nicole Maria Sibley

Ashley Marie Sisk

Alana Stevens

Lidermi Maria Suarez Magna Cum Laude Mildred Alexandra Suarez

Michel Revé Travick

Madelene Batayola Vasquez

Brian Thomas Whitsett

Holly Nichole Young

Department of Radiologic Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences

Summer 2012 –

Christopher Keith Aldohonda Magna Cum Laude

Meagen Lynn Anderson *Cum Laude*

Tracy Lynn Bailey Magna Cum Laude

Jamey James Bitton

Joshua Robert Butler *Cum Laude*

Gina Kathleen Carey *Cum Laude* Miranda Dawn Chamberlain

Lisa Maria Collins

Rachel Roxanne Dicks

Catherine Marie Dowdell *Cum Laude*

Rebecca Jeanette Fontenot

Yolunda Tomika Franklin-Richards

Bret Michael Geisel Magna Cum Laude

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Cieara R. Harley *Cum Laude*

Kelly Gene Hart

Elizabeth Ann Homan *Cum Laude*

Amy Jane Hudelson

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Roxanne Marie Kitzmiller

Stephanie Michelle Knueve

Amber Lea Lambertson *Cum Laude*

Heidi Jenee Matthews

Kristina Means *Cum Laude*

Mary Jennifer Meeks

Marcelo C. Moniz Magna Cum Laude

Erin Stewart Nieves *Cum Laude* Lydia Oceretko Cum Laude

Angela Marie Parker

Christopher Lynn Paul Magna Cum Laude

Lindsey J. Pilbeam

Melanie Gaye Plares

Nikki Soo-lin Ray

Abner Garcia Razon Jr.

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Rachel Leigh Richter

Mauel Solis Salazar

Deanne Hope Shearon

Rosa Maria Soto

Kristen Marie Stoetzer Cum Laude

Anthony William Taylor

Elizabeth Rose Thomason

April Gayle Thompson

Summer 2012

Andrew William Trovinger

Amanda Leigh Tucker

McKenzie Starr Turner

Stephen Joseph Vavrica Jr.

Alisha DeAnn Wehtje

Pamela Gay Williams Cum Laude

Jeffery Bryan Wolf

Amanda Mae Wyman Cum Laude

Kristen Lea Ziegler

Fall 2012

Binu Anil Abraham *Cum Laude*

Rebecca Siddiqui Abrar *Cum Laude*

Zaki Abdella Adem

Christen Marie Anderson *Cum Laude*

Jena Whitley Andrews Cum Laude

Jane Frances Barger

Mickey Lee Barnett

Racheal Bhebe

Valerie Louise Bleess

Steven Brittingham

Julia Ann Burmeister

Kristy Lashbrook Cain Magna Cum Laude

David Robert Carlson Magna Cum Laude

Heather Nicole Chaney

Daryl Mario Chatman

Kathryn Rose Church Magna Cum Laude

Toni Nicole Connell

Laura Virgie Easton

Fall 2012

Mary Kathleen Elkins Magna Cum Laude

Stacy Lea Flores

Cijo Frances

Yolanda Nichole Frazier Cum Laude

Matthew Adam Garrett *Cum Laude*

Dominique Rene Gauvreau

Mayeline Albania Griffin

Lori Leigh Hamilton Magna Cum Laude

Mariana Henderson *Cum Laude*

Shantel Marie Hendrickson *Cum Laude*

Aaron Paul James Cum Laude

Dana Renee Johnston *Cum Laude*

Alyssa Anne Kunz

Tonya Charlene Lewis

Toni Ann Marchione

Melanie Margaret McClain

Colin George McGibbon *Cum Laude*

Chantell Jovan McLaren

Brendon Charles Meattey

Tricia Lee Morin *Cum Laude*

Malachi James Mosley Cum Laude

Kathlene Mary Nagle Summa Cum Laude

Jessica Dennisse Oneill-Delgado Magna Cum Laude

Gale June Passman *Cum Laude*

Dipal S. Patel

Jessica Lynn Perry

Kayla Leigh Pettus

Denise Renee Phillips

Stacy Lee Pockett Cum Laude

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Suzanne Lea Riggleman

Courtney Rae Robbins

Mary Michelle Roberts

James Martin Robison *Cum Laude*

Azhar Saikaly

Deana Danielle Scarborough

Rebecca Lowry Sharpton *Cum Laude*

Marie Sherry Shirley

Ranjodh Singh Cum Laude

Joseph Terrance Tomlinson Summa Cum Laude

Cheryl Joan Torricelli Magna Cum Laude

Billy Shane Traywich

Cindy Vendola Magna Cum Laude

Lindy Renee Waltrip Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

Ismael Moreira

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Invocation	Mary Zulick Student Representative from the Department of Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Class Response	Grace Jernigan Student Representative from the Department of Nursing
New Alumni Re	sponse Pricilla Villatoro Student Representative from the Department of Radiologic Sciences
Benediction	Jonathan Gerst Student Representative from the Department of Radiologic Sciences

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Academic Regalia & Mace

The Adventist University Mace and the academic regalia seen in the current academic procession date back to the formation of the earliest educational institutions of higher education. The mace was originally a powerful weapon of war, used in battle by medieval knights and heavy enough to break the enemy's armor. Later, in virtually the same form, the mace was widely used to protect royalty; but eventually maces were bejeweled and highly decorated and were used in ceremonial functions as symbols of authority.

The Mace, carried today by the Grand Marshal, is a symbol of the authority of Adventist University of Health Sciences and is displayed only at official University convocations. Echoing both its early use as a weapon and its later use symbolizing authority, the University's Mace represents education's authority to break through ignorance and prejudice.

The main staff of the University Mace is of walnut, among the hardest and most attractive of woods, showing both the rigor and the beauty of the education offered at Adventist University. The four sided bronze platform at the top of the staff represents the four key concepts of the University's programs: Nurture, Excellence, Spirituality, and Stewardship. On this bronze platform is mounted a representation of the University's seal with the institution's full name encircling three flames of fire representing truth igniting life-long learning and triumphing over ignorance and prejudice.

It is also instructive to note the symbolic meaning expressed in the various parts of the academic regalia. European universities still show a wide diversity of official academic apparel. However, approximately a century ago, American colleges and universities adopted a consistent academic costume code widely used today in the United States.

The various types of academic gowns represent the different degrees that are conferred. The gowns for the Associate and Bachelor degrees have pointed sleeves. The gown for the Master's degree has oblong sleeves which open at the wrist. The gown for Doctoral degrees has bell-shaped sleeves which close at the wrist.

On the back of the gowns are hoods that are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. Since members of the faculty hold degrees from numerous universities and colleges, space does not permit an identification of each hood in the academic procession.

The colors of the velvet trim on the hoods of each gown represent the discipline in which the degree was conferred, and those disciplines can be identified as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Health Arts	Sage Green
Library Science	Lemon
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Theology, Ministry	Scarlet

Honors

Listing a student's name in this program does not guarantee degree completion. Graduation honors are based upon the current, cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) at the time of printing. All honors listed in this program are subject to completion of all degree requirements. Honors are indicated by the cords worn by the graduates, coded as follows:

Blue and Gray Cords	Summa Cum Laude	GPA of 3.90 or above
Blue Cords	Magna Cum Laude	GPA of 3.75 to 3.89
Gray Cords	Cum Laude	GPA of 3.50 to 3.74

The Department of Nursing grants nursing honors upon completion of the Associate and Baccalaureate degrees. Nursing Honors are awarded to nursing students whose cumulative ADU GPA in nursing courses is 3.50 and above. Students with a failing grade (below a grade of "C") in any of the baccalaureate-level nursing courses or who are pending completion of degree requirements are not eligible for Nursing Honors.

The Adventist University Nursing Honor Society is a community of nurses who lead using knowledge, service, and continuous, life-long learning to improve the quality of life of the community. Membership is highly selective including the top 35% of Baccalaureate graduates with a minimum GPA of 3.00 and Master graduates with a minimum GPA of 3.50. Graduates who have been invited to join are wearing gold honor cords.

The Mallinckrodt award is given to Associate of Science in Radiography and Associate of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology students who have achieved an academic grade point average of 3.50 or above, and have shown outstanding clinical performance.

The Presidential Medallion

The historic traditions of the commencement ceremony are also reflected in the medallions worn by some of its participants. Chief among these is the Presidential Medallion worn by the University President as a symbol of that high office. The medallion features a replica of the University seal, the name of the University encircling three flames of fire representing truth igniting life-long learning and triumphing over ignorance and prejudice.

The medallion is suspended from a collar featuring the core values of the University (Nurture, Excellence, Spirituality, and Stewardship) interspersed with discs featuring the lamp of learning. The Presidential Medallion has a plate immediately above it engraved with the words, Founding President. Medallions and collars are worn over the academic gown and only at official convocations such as this commencement.

Mission Statement

Adventist University of Health Sciences, a Seventh-day Adventist institution, specializes in the education of professionals in healthcare. Service-oriented and guided by the values of nurture, excellence, spirituality, and stewardship, the University seeks to develop leaders who will practice healthcare as a ministry.

Vision Statements

Nurture

ADU will be an institution which encourages the personal and professional growth of its students, faculty, and staff by nourishing their spiritual development, fostering their self-understanding, and encouraging a zeal for knowledge and service.

Excellence

ADU will be an institution whose programs are built upon an optimal blend of superior pedagogy, technology, and spiritual values; a blend designed to lead to the highest level of professional practice by its graduates.

Spirituality

ADU will be an institution where Christian professionalism is such an integral part of its programs and practices that it becomes the distinguishing characteristic of the organization.z

SStewardship

ADU will be an institution where the wise stewardship of its human, intellectual, financial, and physical resources enables the College to achieve outcomes consistent with its mission.

Learning Outcomes

Caring

The ADU graduate will be a caring professional. These individuals possess willingness to understand another's perspective on life, demonstrate concern for individuals that they work for and with, and have the ability to engage in activities for the benefit of others.

A caring individual:

- Integrates the principles of caring
- Respects the dignity and wellbeing of others
- Demonstrates empathy
- Evaluates his or her own caring behaviors through reflection and peer evaluation.

Communication

The ADU graduate will be an effective communicator. Communication is characterized by appropriate verbal, nonverbal, and written skills.

The effective communicator:

- Demonstrates proficiency in the English language
- Recognizes and implements appropriate communication in a variety of settings
- Addresses communication barriers appropriately
- Maximizes opportunities to create a positive first impression
- Engages in active listening

Critical Thinking

The ADU graduate will be a critical thinker. A critical thinker is one who can gather relevant information and analyze and use that knowledge appropriately.

The critical thinker:

- Engages in inductive and deductive reasoning, analysis, and decision making
- Applies critical thinking skills in a variety of situations

Ethical/Moral

The ADU graduate will treat everyone with respect and equality recognizing the value of each person. The graduate will demonstrate integrity by exhibiting the characteristics of a Christian professional.

The ethical/moral individual:

- Identifies the principles of ethical/moral decision making
- Possesses integrity that is evident in his or her professional relationships
- Exhibits ethical/moral standards in decision making
- Evaluates ethical/moral standards through reflection and peer evaluation

Lifelong Learning

The ADU graduate will be a lifelong learner. Lifelong learning is the pursuit of excellence through the ongoing acquisition of knowledge and professional expertise.

The lifelong learner:

- Seeks a variety of learning opportunities
- Integrates growth and improvement in learning experiences
- Reflects on learning experiences
- Demonstrates information literacy

Professional Expertise

The ADU graduate will demonstrate professional expertise by passing appropriate professional examinations and exhibiting proficiencies within the healthcare environment.

The professional will be able to:

- Demonstrate an adequate knowledge base of his or her profession
- Perform skills appropriate to the clinical environment
- Advocate for the patient and the profession
- Function appropriately within a team

Service to the Community

The ADU graduate will engage in socially responsible voluntary service to the community. These individuals will fulfill their social, civic, and environmental responsibilities through their involvement in service initiatives.

The serving individual:

- Addresses the needs of underserved populations
- Participates in the professional community
- Engages with civic entities
- Evaluates service opportunities through self-reflection and peer evaluations