The Healing Community

The Central Arizona College (CAC) Nursing Program is part of a consortium of five community colleges and Northern Arizona University, the Healing Community, who has designed a curriculum to provide a practical nurse exit, an associate degree exit and the potential to continue for a baccalaureate degree in nursing. As an associate degree nurse from the Healing Community the graduate will be prepared to:

1. Use knowledge and skills to provide safe and effective nursing care to clients in well-defined practice settings
2. Apply critical thinking in making nursing clinical judgments
3. Implement caring behaviors for self and clients
4. Recognize the impact of diversity on self and others
5. Communicate effectively with clients and other members of the health care team
6. Implement learning-teaching to address client needs
7. Practice nursing within the established ethical and legal framework
8. Collaborate with other health care team members to manage client care

Goals of the Healing Community

1. To develop seamless articulation agreements among rural community colleges and Northern Arizona University.
2. To develop an organizing framework and curriculum for implementation of the articulated model.
3. To develop a flexible infrastructure for ongoing communication and collaboration between and among community college faculty and university faculty.