

MAADND Position Statement

Life-Long Learning in Nursing Education

The Maryland Association of Associate Degree Nursing Directors (MAADND) supports the concept of two professional levels of preparation for registered nursing practice. One level of preparation is the associate degree; the other level is the baccalaureate degree. Both levels of education prepare the graduate for entry into the profession of Registered Nursing.

Furthermore, MAADND supports and advocates the following for Associate Degree Nursing graduates:

- Continuing education and lifelong learning including, but not limited to the attainment of the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing
- Community colleges offering BSN coursework on site
- Enhancement of the professional image of nursing through continuing education.
- Seamless transition into BSN and MSN programs.

In addition, MAADND supports the position statement of the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing:

Associate degree nursing education

- Provides a dynamic pathway for entry into professional registered nurse practice
- Is continually evolving to reflect local community needs and current and emerging healthcare delivery systems.
- Is responsible for instilling the tenants of advocacy, professional involvement, lifelong learning, and leadership
- Involves evidence-based practice, which prepares graduates to employ critical thinking, clinical competence, and technical proficiency in the healthcare setting.
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