POSITION DESCRIPTION: Dean

Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President for Academic Affairs, the Dean is the chief academic and administrative officer of the College of Nursing, a statewide program with four campuses (Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, and Missoula) and one satellite location (Kalispell).

The Dean demonstrates visionary leadership with strong communication skills and the ability to create and foster an environment that ensures academic excellence and produces successful faculty, students and staff on all campuses. This environment is conducive to faculty and student scholarship, creative teaching and learning, and provides service that meets the needs of the citizens of Montana. The Dean supports the integration of nursing science into the faculty role, the curricula and nursing practice.

The Dean is responsible for the College’s fiscal resources in order to meet its mission and vision. The Dean also works collaboratively with individuals within and constituents external to the College to acquire the necessary resources for the college to carry out its Strategic Plan. The Dean communicates and works effectively with university administration, the Montana University System, nursing and other health care organizations, as well as political leaders and policy and decision makers.

The Dean projects a strong voice for the college and provides statewide leadership in setting direction for nursing education in Montana through a clearly articulated vision. The Dean supports an environment that is conducive for nursing research and assists faculty in driving a curriculum that is evidence-based and progressive in the practice of professional nursing.

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