Why Nursing?
Nurses are in high demand, and therefore a great career choice for both men and women. It is an honorable profession enabling students to help others and bring comfort to those in need. And, it provides job security for a lifetime. The AAS-Nursing (RN program) at Bay College is a 5-semester program preparing students with the competencies needed to be a registered nurse. Utilizing a concept-based framework, major concepts are introduced in the first semester and then linked throughout the program. Students receive supervised clinical experiences in hospitals and long-term care facilities, and have the opportunity to learn in a cutting-edge simulation lab. Graduates will meet the educational requirements to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN).

Why Bay College?
The Nursing program at Bay College offers an Associate Degree in Nursing program approved by the State of Michigan Board of Nursing and accredited with conditions through the Accrediting Commission for the Education of Nurses (ACEN). State-of-the-art nursing simulation labs and technology are utilized at both the Escanaba and Iron Mountain locations to enhance learning. Simulation provides opportunities for students to practice nursing skills in a risk-free simulated environment, opportunity to learn correct interventions, promotes appropriate decision-making, and competency of skills that students can use to improve learning in the clinical environment. The curriculum is designed to assist students to think critically as they apply scientific, theoretical, and practical knowledge to clinical situations in a variety of health care settings.

Beyond Bay College
With the variety of opportunities available in the healthcare industry, many different levels of educational preparation are available for students at Bay College, including transferability to bachelor’s programs at area institutions and online. Students interested in transferring to a four-year institution to obtain a bachelor’s degree or higher may find opportunities in the following areas of study:

- Nursing
- Registered Nurse (BSN)
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Administration