Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

Open House
MSN | Doctoral

Fall 2015
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MORNING SCHEDULE

October 3, 2015

MORNING (9:00 am - 12:50 pm):

The morning program is planned by entry option. Please go to the room that reflects your entry option. A more detailed schedule will be given to you upon entry into the correct room. You will eat lunch in your assigned room.

ROOM 155 ANNEX:
You belong in this room if you (1) have a bachelor’s or higher degree in a field other than nursing (2) are currently enrolled in a non-nursing program, (3) are in a formalized 3 + 2 program, or (4) are a high school student or (5) a parent or guest of one of these applicants.

ROOM 161 ANNEX:
You belong in this room if you (1) have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree or, (2) are currently enrolled in a BSN program, (3) have an MSN and are interested in post-master’s certificate or (4) are a parent or guest of one of these applicants.

ROOM 167 ANNEX:
You belong in this room if you (1) are a RN with an associate degree or diploma in nursing, (2) are a student in an associate degree or diploma in nursing program or (3) you are a parent or guest of one of these applicants.

ROOM 140 FRIST HALL - Doctoral (DNP and PhD):
You belong in this room if you (1) have a master’s degree in nursing or (2) are enrolled in a master’s degree in nursing program or (3) you are a guest of one of these applicants.
AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

October 3, 2015

AFTERNOON (MSN and Post-master’s Certificate):

- 1:00 pm - 3:15 pm  Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty Sessions
- 1:45 pm  Tour of Simulation Lab (optional)
- 2:00 pm  Depart for Tour of Vanderbilt University Medical Center (optional)
- 2:30 pm  Tour of Simulation Lab (optional)
- 2:45 pm  Depart for Tour of Vanderbilt University Medical Center (optional)
- 3:30 pm  Depart for Tour of Vanderbilt University Medical Center (optional)
Underground classrooms (Nursing Annex)

This is where you checked in

8:30-8:55 - Continental Breakfast served in Godchaux Living Room

Restrooms located on floors 2-6 Godchaux Hall and 2-3 Frist Hall

9:00 - 12:50 - Godchaux Nursing Annex 155, 161, or 167 based on your entry type

9:00-12:50 - Doctoral Session Frist Hall
October 3, 2015

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for taking the time to visit us. Today is designed to help you learn how Vanderbilt University School of Nursing can prepare you for the rewarding field of nursing at the MSN, DNP or PhD level.

Our Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is unlike others in many respects. We offer innovative educational approaches, multiple entry options attractive to nurses and non-nursing students, and many MSN specialties—some with flexible scheduling and distance learning opportunities. All of these opportunities prepare nursing professionals for practice at a time when advanced practice nurses will play an important role in implementing health care reform.

Today will provide a glimpse into the many other ways in which our program is unique. For example, we offer one of the most extensive faculty practice networks anywhere. Our practice network includes a freestanding primary care clinic, a nurse-midwifery clinic that provides a complete range of OB-GYN services, employer clinics and many other practice settings. Opportunities in these settings give Vanderbilt School of Nursing students the real-world experience they need to deliver quality, compassionate patient care to a variety of patient populations.

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing is also deeply committed to evidence based practice, which is the foundation for much of your coursework. Our programs for advanced study include the PhD in Nursing Science, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and postdoctoral education. Our Center for Research Development and Scholarship is helping promote new knowledge and improve health care delivery to communities across the United States and abroad.

While you are here today, don’t forget that you are sitting in one of the nation’s fastest-growing health care hubs and most popular places to live. You’ll have opportunities to learn from leading practitioners in nursing—all in an educational environment that is naturally beautiful, technologically sophisticated, and a great place to make lifelong friends.

Welcome to our Open House. Let us know how we can make your experience more informative and enjoyable. Please contact us to answer your questions that you may have after you return home. We are eager to help you as you plan your future. To get a flavor of the School after today’s visit, you can join our VUSN Facebook page or follow us on twitter at @VanderbiltNurse.

Kindest regards,

Linda Norman, DSN, RN, FAAN
Valere Potter Menefee Professor of Nursing
Dean, School of Nursing
SCHOOL OF NURSING QUICK FACTS

Fall 2015 Student Enrollment

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<th>PhD in Nursing Science Program</th>
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<td>(post-master’s)</td>
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Fall 2015 Applicant Profile

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Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Financial Aid

- **159 Pre-Specialty (RN and non-RN) year students received approximately $1,483,293 in scholarships and tuition assistance** from sources funded or controlled by the School of Nursing. Sources include endowed scholarships, foundations and the School’s operating funds.
- **296 Specialty year students received approximately $3,413,330 in scholarships and tuition assistance** from sources funded or controlled by the School.
- **111 DNP students received approximately $576,688 in scholarships and tuition assistance** from sources funded or controlled by the School.
- **19 PhD students received approximately $533,284 in tuition assistance and/or fellowships** from sources funded by the School. Of the twelve funded, a total of $30,000 was awarded in VUSN service-free scholarship and $120,000 was awarded in VUSN Centennial Fellowships.
MASTERS (MSN) PROGRAM and
POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE (PMC)
In today’s often complex health care industry, advanced practice nurses are bringing new solutions. They are offering new ways of delivering cost-effective care and increasing access to qualified practitioners for many patients and their families – often providing health care to underserved population. Advanced practice nurses must be grounded in theory and research as guides to their clinical practice. While they work in collegial capacities with physicians, they must be prepared to diagnose and treat patients with acute and chronic illnesses – or to process and analyze critical data. These responsibilities require nursing professionals who are as smart and savvy as they are caring and compassionate.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing is preparing skilled, experienced advanced practice nurses. Not only are we creating more flexible ways to study and earn the MSN degree, we are also employing innovative approaches and offering widespread opportunities for experience in clinical practice. Hallmarks of our MSN program include:

- Multiple entry options – for nurses and for students with no background in nursing
- MSN advanced practice specialties to suit varied professionals
- An extensive nurse-faculty practice network
- State-of-the-art nursing informatics
- State-of-the-art skills lab for hands-on learning
- Modern facilities throughout the School of Nursing complex
- Flexible scheduling and distance learning for many MSN advanced practice specialties
- Joint programs with Vanderbilt Divinity School and Owen School of Management

The Post-Master’s Certificate (PMC)

The purpose of the post-master’s certificate (PMC) program is to provide, for nurses who already hold a master’s degree in nursing, an educational route to specialization in an area other than that obtained in their master’s program. The program is designed to strengthen or broaden the clinical or administrative capabilities of master’s-prepared nurses who are planning a role expansion or role change. If desired, applicants can combine the certificate with the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Leading Our Discipline Forward

Nursing Education, Patient Care, Clinical Research. In everything we do at Vanderbilt School of Nursing, we seek to deliver a unique combination of high touch and high tech. Following nursing’s long-standing tradition for care and compassion – as well as our School’s history of excellence that dates back to 1908 – we put the patient first in all we do, from advanced practice nursing to the latest in nursing informatics and research that is advancing our discipline. Today, new tools and techniques are available for us to leverage in all areas, in teaching the best nursing students anywhere and reaching out into our communities to deliver care to patients who might otherwise not have access to it. At Vanderbilt, our nursing school graduates are practice-ready, leading our discipline forward, and touching lives wherever they go.
Our Advantage: Our Campus, Our City, Our Connections

Ask our students what makes our School of Nursing special, and you’re likely to get a variety of answers. Some say it’s exposure to a vast diversity of thought and experience, among both our faculty and our students. Others say it’s our incredible network of alumni who are making a difference in the world. Or, they point to our commitment to embracing change and using technology to deliver superior teaching and patient care. Some enjoy the beauty of the Vanderbilt campus, while many thrive on the health care hub that surrounds us and all that Nashville has to offer. One distinction most will agree is our unique ability to bridge tradition and innovation in new ways – always pushing the envelope of care but never forgetting the patient at the center.
There are 8 requirements for those who seek admission to Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. These requirements vary somewhat depending upon your educational background and whether you are already a Registered Nurse.

1. All applicants must submit an online application which includes a Statement of Purpose and a $50 application fee. The Statement of Purpose should reflect your understanding of the role of the advanced practice nurse and your interest in either a particular patient population, in health care leadership or in nursing informatics. Before writing your statement of purpose, please carefully review information about the specialty on our web site so that you clearly indicate to the faculty that your career goals are a fit with the specialty.

Students are offered admission to their selected specialty; it is not possible to enter the program undecided about your specialty area. While the online application system will allow you to submit more than one application, the School of Nursing can only consider one application per student per term.

2. Students admitted to the School of Nursing have earned an undergraduate grade point average of at least a “B” or a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. While the online application accepts unofficial transcripts, the School of Nursing requires official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. Official transcripts should be mailed to the Center for Data Management | Vanderbilt University | PMB 407833 | 2301 Vanderbilt Place | Nashville, TN 37240-7833.

If your school uses an electronic transcript service such as Parchment, Naviance, Docufide or Scrip Safe, have your University Registrar send the transcript to cdm@vanderbilt.edu.

3. A satisfactory Graduate Record Exam score taken within 5 years of the application is required. Please have your GRE scores sent to Institution Code: 1871 & Department Code: 0610. Post-master’s certificate applicants are not required to take the GRE.

4. All applicants must provide three letters of professional reference. References should be from faculty members, professional colleagues, or work supervisors who can evaluate your potential for success in a graduate program. Recommendations from family, friends, other students or co-workers are NOT appropriate. While only three references are required, the online application system will allow you to provide names of up to 5 recommenders.

5. All applicants must respond to the six application questions. Both the writing style (i.e. grammar, punctuation, spelling, word use) and content of your responses will be used in the overall evaluation of your application to the program.

6. All applicants are required to have certain prerequisite courses from an accredited college or university.

A. If you have earned a BSN, you must have had a 3 semester hour or 4 quarter hour Statistics course.

B. If you have earned an ASN or a Diploma in Nursing, you must have earned at least 78 accredited semester or 110 accredited quarter hours including the following areas: 11 hours of natural science which must include courses in Microbiology, Human Anatomy, and Human Physiology; 9 hours of Social Science; 6 hours of Humanities; 6 hours of English; 3 hours of Statistics; Nutrition and Developmental Psychology.

C. If you have earned a BA or BS in a discipline other than Nursing, you must have successfully completed 11 hours of natural science including courses in Microbiology, Human Anatomy, and Human Physiology; Statistics; Nutrition and Developmental Psychology. The human anatomy, human physiology and microbiology courses must have been taken within 5 years of application.
D. If you are currently enrolled in a BA or BS program in a field other than nursing, you must be in the final year of your program and have successfully completed or plan to complete prior to enrollment the following courses: 11 hours of natural science including Microbiology, Human Anatomy, and Human Physiology; 3 hours of Statistics; Nutrition and Developmental Psychology. The human anatomy, human physiology and microbiology courses must have been taken within 5 years of application.

7. RN applicants must have graduated from an ACEN or CCNE accredited school and hold an unencumbered RN license. Students admitted contingent upon NCLEX-RN examination results are subject to immediate withdrawal from courses with a clinical component if they aren’t successful on the NCLEX-RN.

8. All applicants must meet the competencies necessary for the professional practice of nursing. RN applicants must be eligible to practice in the state where they will be completing their clinical practica and/or preceptorship. Non-RN applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for nursing licensure in Tennessee. For more information on licensure, visit the Tennessee Department of Health website at: www.state.tn.us/health.

All information submitted in the application process must be the applicant’s own work, factually true, and honestly presented. Applicants providing false information may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation, expulsion or revocation of course credit, grades and degree.

If you have questions about the admissions requirements, the Admissions Office is available to assist you. Please contact us at vusn-admissions@vanderbilt.edu or 1.888.333.9192.
Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner+
Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*
Emergency Nurse Practitioner (RNs only)#
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)*
Healthcare Leadership (RNs only, online program)
MSN/MDiv or MSN/MTS Dual Degree (on campus only)
MSN/MBA Dual Degree^
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (RNs only)#
Nurse Midwifery^
Nurse Midwifery/FNP Dual Focus^
Nursing Informatics (RNs only; most courses offered online)#
Palliative Care Post-master’s Certificate (NPs only)#
Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner#
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*
Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner+
Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)*
Women’s Health/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Dual Focus*

# Offered in modified learning (block) format for RNs who live at a distance.
+ Offered in modified learning (block) format for RNs who live at a distance. Students entering as non-RNs must complete entire program in Nashville.
* Offered in modified learning (block) format for students who live at a distance. Non-RNs must spend first 3 semesters (one calendar year) in Nashville for pre-specialty year.
^ Offered in hybrid format combining semesters in Nashville with semesters at a distance.
Multiple Entry Options

You can enter the program, whether you have:

• A BS or BA or higher degree in a non-nursing field – two calendar years (6 semesters) of full-time study. Dual specialties require additional semesters.

• A Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing - One full calendar year (3 semesters) full-time study; dual specialties require additional semester(s) – Part-time study available.

• An Associate Degree or Diploma in Nursing - Two years (5 semesters) full-time study; dual specialties require additional semester(s) – Part-time study available.

• A Master’s Degree in Nursing and seek a post-master’s certificate (program length varies.)

Educational Formats

Distance (Modified Learning) Format

Many of our programs do not require all course content to be delivered in a face-to-face traditional classroom environment. Instead, content is delivered in a modified learning (block) format including:

• Courses offered in concentrated blocks of time on campus (approximately 4-5 days usually surrounding a weekend up to four times per semester)
• Online web conferencing
• Digital video and distributed learning methods that allow for continued faculty contact between sessions
• Clinical placement arranged outside the middle Tennessee area provided a suitable agency and preceptor are available
• Due to certain state boards of nursing and/or state higher education commission rules, the School of Nursing may not be able to provide clinical placements in your desired location. See www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/regulations.html.

Programs Offered in Distance (Modified Learning) Format

• RN-to-MSN Prespecialty Year (For ASN or Diploma RNs)
• Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP);* intensivist focus on campus only
• Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
• Emergency Nurse Practitioner (RNs with ER experience only)
• Family Nurse Practitioner
NOTES

- Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Lifespan)*
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (experienced neonatal RNs only)
- Nursing Informatics (most courses offered online)
- Palliative Care (post-master’s certificate for Nurse Practitioners)
- Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (experienced RNs only)
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner
- Women’s Health NP/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP Dual Focus

*Applicants with non-nursing degrees complete entire program in middle Tennessee

Programs combining on campus classes with local and distance clinical (Hybrid Format)
- Nurse Midwifery
- Nurse Midwifery/Family Nurse Practitioner
- MSN/MBA
- MSN/MDiv or MSN/MTS (on campus only)

Programs Offered Online Only
- Healthcare Leadership

FALL EARLY ACTION APPLICATION DATE - NOVEMBER 1

Contact Admissions office:
VUSN-Admissions@vanderbilt.edu or 1-888-333-9192
Apply: https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/
**MSN and PMC TUITION AND FEES**

**Tuition and Fees for 2015-2016 (MSN)**

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* Health insurance can be waived online at [www.gallagherkoster.com](http://www.gallagherkoster.com) as long as you provide documentation that you have another source of health insurance. **The waiver must be completed before August 1st.**

**Example of charges and refunds (used for living expenses) for one semester**

A pre-specialty student enrolled in 16 hours for the fall semester, who uses the Vanderbilt health insurance, has a nursing scholarship of $6,600 and the full amount of loans for the year, will have a fall semester bill of $21,998. The loan amounts listed are the actual amounts received after the origination fees are taken from each disbursement.

**Charges**

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**REFUND (for living expenses)** $5,457

(This refund would need to last until your spring refund which won’t be available until approximately 1/7/16)
SNAPSHOT OF 2014 MSN GRADUATES

346 Graduates (August 2013, December 2014, and May 2014 Graduates)

Salary Information*

- $50-59,999 (5%)
- $60-69,999 (9%)
- $70-79,999 (23%)
- $80-89,999 (44%)
- $90-99,999 (5%)
- $100-109,999 (12%)
- Above $110,000 (2%)

*81 Graduates reporting

Employment Setting***

- Critical Access Hospital (6%)
- Community Health Center (7%)
- Federally Qualified Health Center (7%)
- Mental Health Center (9%)
- Not-for-Profit Hospital (16%)
- Nursing Home/Skilled Nursing Facility (4%)
- Private Clinic (25%)
- Public Hospital (10%)
- Rural Health Clinic (5%)
- Other (11%)

***88 Graduates reporting a total of 114 responses. Students were allowed to choose up to 3 employment settings that described their practice.

Length of time it took to find employment following graduation**

- Found position before graduation (37%)
- Within 3 months (41%)
- Within 6 months (11%)
- Over 6 months (0%)
- Still have not found employment (10%)
- Not looking at the present time (1%)

**90 Graduates reporting
There are more than 205,000 nurse practitioners (NPs) licensed in the U.S.  

- An estimated 15,000 new NPs completed their academic programs in 2012-2013  
- 95.1% of NPs have graduate degrees  
- 96.8% of NPs maintain national certification  
- 86.5% of NPs are prepared in primary care  
- 84.9% of NPs see patients covered by Medicare and 83.9% by Medicaid  
- 44.8% of NPs hold hospital privileges; 15.2% have long term care privileges  
- 97.2% of NPs prescribe medications, averaging 19 prescriptions per day  
- NPs hold prescriptive privileges in all 50 states and D.C., with controlled substances in 49  
- In 2015, the mean, full-time base salary was $97,083, with average full-time NP total income at $108,643  
- The majority (69.5%) of NPs see 3 or more patients per hour  
- Malpractice rates remain low; only 2% have been named as primary defendant in a malpractice case  
- Nurse Practitioners have been in practice an average of 10 years  
- The average age of NPs is 49 years

### Distribution, Mean Years of Practice, Mean Age by Main Specialty

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+Primary care focus

Sources:
1. AANP National Nurse Practitioner Database, 2014
3. 2012 AANP National Nurse Practitioner Sample Survey
4. 2013-14 AANP National Nurse Practitioner Practice Site Census
5. 2015 AANP National Nurse Practitioner Compensation Survey

Additional information is available at the AANP website www.aanp.org.

Updated July, 2015
NURSE PRACTITIONERS

NPs are the providers of choice for millions of Americans. NPs evaluate patients, diagnose, write prescriptions and bring a comprehensive perspective to health care.

With a track record of quality health care delivery for nearly half a century.

and a growing need for health care providers, especially in primary care.

Primary Care Focus

NPs are choosing primary care more than physicians and physician assistants. In 2012, more than 80% of NPs were prepared in primary care programs, while only 14.6% of physicians entered a primary care residency.

Area of Primary Care Preparation

Over 900 million patient visits in 2012

Prescribe medications in all 50 states and D.C.

Requirements for Practice

State NP Licensure/Registration

National Board Certification

Graduate Nursing Education

Registered Nurse License

Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing

6+ Years of Academic and Clinical Preparation

NPs at a Glance

Over 4 decades at improving patient access and quality care

70% of NPs see 3 or more patients per hour

An increase in the overall population, aging baby boomers, and the newly insured under the Affordable Care Act will bring millions more into the health care system.

Increasing in Number

The number of nurse practitioners is expected to rise dramatically by 2025:

2025

192,000

2014

197,000

2012

190,000

2010

140,000

2007

120,000

2004

106,000

2003

97,000

2001

82,000

1999

68,300

Prescription for the Future

2 out of 3 patients support legislation for greater access to NP services

NPs by the Numbers

74% accept Medicare

68% accept Medicaid

83% accept Private Insurance

71% accept Uninsured

February 2015

American Association of Nurse Practitioners™
DOCTORAL PROGRAMS
While the Vanderbilt PhD and DNP degree programs share a rich foundation of excellence in teaching, practice and research, it is important for nurses who seek doctoral study to recognize and understand the differences in the PhD and DNP degrees to make informed decisions about advancing their education at Vanderbilt School of Nursing. While different, the DNP and the PhD in nursing are not competitive degrees but rather complementary to one another.

The **Doctor of Nursing Practice program** at Vanderbilt integrates course work with practice immersion experiences to prepare scholars and leaders to bring evidence-based knowledge into clinical practice, improving health care outcomes and strengthening nursing management and education.

The Vanderbilt **PhD program** prepares nurses for careers as research scientists in academic, governmental or private entities. Our graduates conduct independent research, participate as interdisciplinary researchers and develop and disseminate knowledge to improve health and the delivery of health care.

The next page provides a comparison of the DNP and PhD degree programs at Vanderbilt. These comparisons are built upon guidelines set forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing ([www.aacn.nche.edu](http://www.aacn.nche.edu)).
### PhD OR DNP: WHICH IS RIGHT FOR ME?

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<td>Two tracks of study: Clinical Research and Health Services Research; opportunities to work in interdisciplinary research teams</td>
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<td><strong>Career focus of graduates</strong></td>
<td>Leadership positions in nursing practice, management, information technology and academia. Developing practice innovations designed to improve health care outcomes.</td>
<td>Conduct/disseminate research that responds to regional, national and international priorities. Graduates advance the nursing discipline and practice through research, education and health policy.</td>
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<td><strong>Why choose Vanderbilt School of Nursing?</strong></td>
<td>We offer an innovative, technology-rich curriculum in a collegial and supportive environment; our faculty is committed to preparing nurse scholars who can lead the nation in extending the body of knowledge and improve health care outcomes. Our research and practice faculty, experts, mentors and resources in Nashville – a major health care hub – are among the best. Students will have the opportunity to work with scholars from across the campus and the nation.</td>
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DNP AND PhD ENTRY OPTIONS

NOTES

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

- Entry with a MSN in advanced practice (CNM, CNS, CRNA, or NP), nursing informatics or healthcare leadership and earn your DNP degree in 4 semesters (full-time) or 6 semesters (part-time).
- Entry with a MSN may add an advanced practice certification to the DNP course of study (Post-Master’s certificate plus DNP).
- Entry with Master’s in Nursing Education or Clinical Nurse Leader first earn a Post-Master’s certificate in an advanced practice specialty and then proceed to the DNP.
- Entry with BSN and an MPH, MBA, or Master’s in a related field earn a master’s in passing in the systems focus track and the DNP.
- Entry with a BSN apply to the Vanderbilt MSN program and make a transition into the DNP program if you have a master’s GPA of at least 3.5 (See MSN section of book for further details about MSN admission).
- A joint DNP/MPH program between Vanderbilt School of Nursing and Vanderbilt School of Medicine is available.
- Learning built upon Vanderbilt’s 100-year history of leadership and excellence in nursing, teaching, practice and research.
- DNP Fellowshp opportunities available for students who reside in the middle Tennessee are: ACNP Intensivist, Genetics for FNP, VA National Quality Scholars. DNP Fellowships are in development for Integrative Health and ACNP Hospitalist. See website for additional information.
- Clinical integration tailored to each student’s scholarly interests, with clinical partners in health care agencies/organizations who support and facilitate the application of knowledge and skills from coursework to their clinical settings.
- A combination of on-campus study and online/distance learning methodologies for both real-time and virtual scholarly interaction and faculty mentoring – so that doctoral students do not have to relocate or give up employment.

PhD in Nursing Science

- Two tracks: Clinical Research or Health Services Research.
- Program prepares nurse scholars for research and academic careers in public or private sectors of healthcare.
- Collegial and supportive environment with close faculty interaction
- A combination of on-campus study and online/distance learning methodologies for both real-time and virtual scholarly interaction and faculty mentoring – so that doctoral students do not have to relocate or give up employment.
DOCTORAL PROGRAMS (DNP OR PhD)

Distance Learning

• Intensive experience on campus in Nashville, TN for five days at beginning of each semester (August, January, and May).
• State-of-the-art online and distance technologies and techniques used to enrich student learning experience.
• Faculty mentors guide educational program from admission to degree completion.
• DNP practica are completed within the student’s professional practice setting or in clinical sites created through collaborative partnerships.
• PhD students participate in intensive research experiences connected with faculty research projects.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

• MSN to DNP requires 35 credit hours and 500 practica hours (4 semesters FT or 6 semesters PT).
• MSN entry requires national certification as CNM, CNS, CRNA, or NP except for nursing administration or informatics.
• MSN entry with option to pursue a post-master’s certificate in a new advanced practice specialty area if desired (additional credit and clinical hours required).
• Master’s in nursing education or Clinical Nurse Leader applicants are required to become an APRN as part of DNP program of studies (additional credit and clinical hours required).
• BSN RN entry with master’s degree in public health, informatics, business or other health care related field and 5 years of leadership experience in nursing applicants will earn the MSN in passing as part of DNP program of studies.
• DNP program accredited by the ACEN and meets recommendations of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.
• Fall Early Action Deadline: November 1: DNP applications received after November 1 will be considered on a rolling basis until all spaces are full.

PhD in Nursing Science

• Designed for applicants with a bachelor’s degree in nursing (or BSN equivalent) and a master’s degree in nursing (or a related field) or a doctoral degree in nursing (or a related field).
• Requires 72 credit hours of study. Most students are able to transfer 16 credit hours from their master’s degree, pending approval by the graduate faculty.
• Completed applications received by December 1 will be considered
DOCTORAL PROGRAMS (DNP OR PhD)

for all University and School of Nursing financial awards. Applications received after December 1 and no later than March 1 will be considered for School of Nursing financial awards as they are available.

• Outstanding research support and opportunity to work with interdisciplinary teams.
• Choice of clinical research or health services research.

Required On-Campus Intensive Session for 2015-2016

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Contact Admissions office:
VUSN-Admissions@vanderbilt.edu or 1-888-333-9192
Apply: [https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/](https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/)

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[www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu)
We will begin reviewing applications for the fall semester on November 1 and will continue to review applications on a rolling basis until all spaces are full. The link to the DNP application can be found at https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/.

Applicants with one of the following credentials are eligible for admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program:

- MSN from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program with current APRN certification as either a nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist or nurse anesthetist. Applicants from unaccredited nursing programs will be considered on an individual basis.
- MSN in nursing administration or informatics from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program. National certification is preferred but not required. Applicants from unaccredited nursing programs will be considered on an individual basis.
- MSN or MN in majors such as nursing education or clinical nurse leader from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program. These applicants must complete a post-master’s certificate as part of their DNP program which lengthens the program of studies. After completing the post-masters certificate portion the student is eligible to take the national certification exam in the selected specialty and continue in DNP courses.
- RN’s with master’s degree in public health, informatics, business, or other health care related field and five years of leadership experience. These applicants must select either the health care leadership or informatics specialty.
- VUSN students enrolled in either the MSN or post-master’s certificate program can seamlessly progress into the DNP program after completing either the MSN or certificate with at least a 3.5 GPA, a satisfactory statement of career goals, and at least one letter of recommendation from a VUSN faculty member.

Admission Criteria for DNP Program entry with MSN degree:

1. **Advanced Practice Certification.** Applicants must have the APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) designation in their home states and national board certification as a CNS, NP, CNM or CRNA in their areas of specialty. National certification for nursing administration or nursing informatics applicants is desirable but not required. Applicants with a master’s degree in nursing education or clinical nurse leader (CNL) are required to pursue a post-master’s certificate in a nurse practitioner specialty, healthcare leadership or nursing informatics as part of their DNP program of studies.

2. **Grade Point Average.** Applicants must have completed a master’s degree from a nationally accredited institution with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA for graduate work. Strong applicants with a GPA lower than 3.5 will be considered on an individual basis.
3. **Statement of Purpose.** The professional statement must include written essays responding to select questions and identification of a potential practice inquiry within selected populations to frame the program of study. If you are pursuing a new advanced practice specialty, indicate your career goals in the new area.

4. **Letters of Recommendation.** Strong professional references from three persons who hold a doctoral degree addressing academic skills including oral and written communication as well as clinical competence. Applicants are strongly encouraged to select a doctorally prepared nurse as one of the three recommenders.

5. **Curriculum vitae or resume.**

6. **Official Transcripts.** Applicants must submit one transcript from each post-secondary institution attended. Applicants must have completed a master’s degree in nursing from a nationally accredited institution. Official transcripts should be mailed from the school Registrar to Vanderbilt’s Center for Data Management, PMB 407833, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN, 37240.

7. **Nursing Licensure.** An unencumbered Registered Nurse license must be presented. Current advanced practice certification is required for NPs, CNSs, CNMs, and CRNAs.

8. **Interview.** After initial review of the application, applicants may be contacted for an interview.

9. **Technical Requirements.** Vanderbilt School of Nursing considers the Internet communication link an essential learning resource for doctoral students. DNP students will be required to have a home computer, printer and Internet service provider that has high speed broadband Internet access. Further details available at www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/techtable.html.

All information submitted in the application process must be the applicant’s own work, factually true, and honestly presented. Applicants providing false information may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation, expulsion or revocation of course credit, grades and degree.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Vanderbilt School of Nursing Admissions team via email vusn-admissions@vanderbilt.edu or by phone (toll free 1 888 333 9192).
Dual DNP/MPH Program

The DNP/MPH (Doctor of Nursing Practice and Master of Public Health) dual degree program is designed for advanced practice nurses who are interested in doctoral nursing education with an emphasis in public health.

Students will apply to each school separately and must be accepted by both to pursue the dual degree. Ideally, students will apply for dual degree status prior to enrolling in either program. Each school will receive student tuition and provide financial aid, if any, during those semesters in which the student is registered for courses in the respective school.

The DNP/MPH program can usually be completed in three years of full-time study. A student will complete at least 30 hours for the DNP and 30 hours for the MPH. The MPH program offers three tracks: Epidemiology, Global Health, and Health Policy. The MPH didactic course work requires weekly on-campus attendance; the MPH practicum may be a local or international experience and is completed the first summer semester of the program. The DNP course work is offered in a modified distance format which requires students to be on campus for one week, three times per year.

- **Year One:** MPH didactic courses and practicum experience
- **Year Two:** DNP courses and completion of MPH practicum, if necessary
- **Year Three:** DNP courses and final DNP project and MPH thesis project

Curriculum Planning

Individual curriculum plans for dual degree students will be determined by the student’s advisors from both schools in view of the student’s goals, background, academic accomplishments, and program/track choices. Such a curriculum plan will detail full- or part-time status, the school to be attended each year or semester, clinical and field education plans, electives, and courses to be shared by both programs. Such a plan is subject to revision as the student better defines his or her professional and vocational aspirations.
If you are a Vanderbilt employee and plan to apply for the human resources tuition benefit, you will need to contact that office by email at tuitionbenefit@vanderbilt.edu or by phone at (615) 322-3246.

If you are planning to use VA Benefits, you must submit an application for VA benefits each semester. Forms may be found at: http://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/va-benefits/. Questions may be directed to Karen Whittier, Senior Associate Registrar, (615) 343-3492.

If you have questions about the Nurse Faculty loan or other programs, please call Kristie Smith, Director of Student Financial Services at VUSN, at (615) 322-8986 or email kris_L_smith@vanderbilt.edu.

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**DNP TUITION AND FEES (2015-2016)**

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**If you live more than 60 miles from the Vanderbilt campus, you can waive the activity and recreation fee for the fall and spring semesters only by completing an online waiver. The online waiver is usually available a month before classes begin each semester. There is no waiver for summer semester.
Our program is designed to prepare scholars for research and academic careers in public or private sectors of health care and meets *The Indicators of Quality in Research-Focused Doctoral Programs in Nursing* published by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Admission is competitive. Students are selected on the basis of their scholastic preparation and intellectual capability. Admission to our program requires research and career goals that are consistent with the school’s research foci and faculty expertise. We will only accept you if we have the faculty who are actively engaged in your area of research.

**Admission Requirements**

- Completion of a course of study equivalent to that required for the bachelor’s degree in nursing at an accredited institution, with a minimum of a B average in undergraduate work
- Completion of a course of study equivalent to that required for the master’s degree in nursing (or a related field), with a minimum of a B average in graduate work
- Having maintained a B average in the field of expected graduate concentration

**Deadlines**

**Completed applications received by December 1** will be considered for all financial awards including: 1) Graduate School Honor Fellowships (Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Graduate Scholarships and University Graduate Fellowships) and 2) **Vanderbilt School of Nursing Awards** (VUSN Service-Free Tuition Scholarships and Centennial Ph.D. Fellowships)

**Completed applications received after December 1 and no later than the deadline of March 1** will be considered for fall admission and School of Nursing financial awards as they are available.

**Preparing your PhD Application**

The admissions decision is heavily influenced by a careful review of each of the components of your application. Because of the importance of a scholarly fit between our students and faculty, we strongly recommend you explore the research focus of our faculty. You are welcome to make personal contact with our faculty in order to help determine common scholarly interests. The PhD program research faculty are located at: [www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/addressbook/phdfac.html](http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/addressbook/phdfac.html).

1. Statement of Purpose
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Letters of Reference
NOTES

4. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score
5. Unofficial transcripts
6. TOEFL or IELTS (foreign applicants)
7. Faculty Interviews

All information submitted in the application process must be the applicant’s own work, factually true, and honestly presented. Applicants providing false information may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation, expulsion, or revocation of course credit, grades, and degree.

For More Information Visit:
http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/phd/welcome.html

Contact Information:

Irene McKirgan
PhD Program Manager
615.322.7410
Toll-free: 1.855.868.7410
Irene.mckirgan@vanderbilt.edu
## PhD TUITION AND FEES (2015-2016)

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* Health insurance can be waived online at [www.gallagherkoster.com](http://www.gallagherkoster.com) as long as you provide documentation that you have another source of health insurance. Once you are on that website, click on College & University Students and Scholars on the top left side of the page. Then scroll down the list and choose Vanderbilt University. **The waiver must be completed and approved before August 1 each year.**

**If you live more than 60 miles from the Vanderbilt campus, you can waive the activity and recreation fee for the fall and spring semesters only by completing an online waiver. The online waiver is usually available a month before classes begin each semester. The online waiver can be found here: [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/recadmin/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/recadmin/)**

- If you are a Vanderbilt employee and plan to apply for the human resources tuition benefit, you will need to contact that office by email at tuitionbenefit@vanderbilt.edu or by phone at (615) 322-3246.
- If you are planning to use VA Benefits, you must submit an application for VA benefits each semester. Forms may be found at: [http://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/va-benefits/](http://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/va-benefits/). Questions may be directed to Karen Whittier, Senior Associate Registrar, (615) 343-3492.
- If you have questions about loans, please call Kristie Smith, Director of Student Financial Services at VUSN, at (615) 322-8986 or email kristie.L.smith@vanderbilt.edu. If you have questions about scholarships, you should speak with Irene McKirgan in the PhD nursing graduate office. She can be reached at (615) 322-7410.
All MSN and PhD applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination; the test must be taken within 5 years of application. No GRE waivers will be granted for MSN or PhD applicants.

Revised Exam (August 2011)

After 25 years, the General test was revised and includes:

- A new test-taker friendly design for the computer based test that lets you edit or change your answers, skip questions and more, all within a section – giving you the freedom to use more of your own test-taking strategies. Another new feature: an on-screen calculator.

- New types of questions in the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections, many featuring real-life scenarios that reflect the kind of thinking you’ll do in today’s demanding graduate programs.

- Verbal Reasoning scores will be reported on a new 130-170 score scale, in 1-point increments (versus 200-800 in 10-point increments).

- Quantitative Reasoning scores will be reported on a new 130-170 score scale, in 1-point increments (versus 200-800 in 10-increments).

- Analytical Writing scores will continue to be reported on the same 0-6 score level, in half-point increments.

Other Information

- Applicants are encouraged to study for the exam and take practice tests prior to the actual exam.

- Schedule your appointment at www.ets.org/gre or call 1-800-473-2255 Computer based test costs $160 and takes 3 hours and 45 minutes, plus short breaks.

- Offered at 700 test centers in 160 countries. If you live in the Nashville area, the GRE is available at Prometric Testing Center, 230 Great Circle Road, Suite 229, Nashville, TN 37228.

- The School code for Vanderbilt is 1871 and the Department (nursing) code is 0610.

- Tests taken after August 1, 2011 will be reported with the new score scale (130-170 in 1 point increments). Tests taken prior to August 2011 will be reported in 200-800 scale in 10 point increments.

- There is no change in the Analytical Writing portion of the exam. Score is reported on a 0-6 scale in 0.5 point increments.

Vanderbilt Recommendations

- It is recommended that MSN applicants have a verbal and quantitative score in the 50th percentile or above.

- It is recommended that MSN applicants have a writing score of 4.5.

- MSN applicants with GRE scores below the suggested minimum will be considered on an individual basis.
1. Complete all items listed under Admission Requirements.

2. **English Language Proficiency.** Proficiency in written and oral English is required for enrollment in the nursing program. Applicants whose native language is not English must present the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with the application, unless they have demonstrated competence while obtaining a degree from an accredited American institution. International students transferring from unfinished degree programs at other universities in the United States must present TOEFL or IELTS scores. Scores must be less than 2 years old. The minimum acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language is 100 on the Internet-based test or 230 on the computer-based test. For more information about the TOEFL, go to [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org). The minimum acceptable score on the IELTS is 6.5. For more information on the IELTS test, go to [ielts.org](http://ielts.org). The Vanderbilt’s school code is 1871.

3. International student applicants whose native language is not English are required to have a phone interview with the Program or Specialty Director and a member of the Admissions Committee. Interviews are scheduled after a preliminary review of a submitted application.

4. International student applicants who wish to enter the program as a registered nurse must successfully complete both the CGFNS (Commission on Graduate Foreign Nursing Schools) and the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Exam) examinations and earn licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state where they will be completing their clinical practica and/or preceptorship. Information about CGFNS may be obtained at [www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org). Visit [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org) for more information about NCLEX. Information about Tennessee licensure may be obtained by visiting the Tennessee Department of Health website at [http://www.state.tn.us/health](http://www.state.tn.us/health).

5. International student applicants who have completed college or university coursework at an institution in a country other than the United States must obtain a complete course-by-course evaluation of foreign transcripts, degrees and other relevant documents. In all instances, the evaluating agency will require original, official documentation. Evaluating agencies include World Education Services; website: [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org), Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. website: [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) and Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants website: [www.jsilny.com](http://www.jsilny.com)

6. Applicants for whom English is a second language who are accepted into the program may also be required to complete an intensive English language program at Vanderbilt University prior to beginning classes at the School of Nursing. Information about Vanderbilt’s English language program may be obtained at [www.vanderbilt.edu/international](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/international).

7. **Financial Resources.** To meet requirements for entry into the United States for study, international applicants must demonstrate
that they have sufficient financial resources to meet expected costs of their entire educational program. Applicants must provide documentary evidence of their financial resources before visa documents can be issued.

United States laws and regulations restrict the opportunity for international students to be employed. Students may be allowed to work off campus only under special circumstances. Many spouses and dependents of international students generally are not allowed to be employed while in the United States.

8. **Health and Accident Insurance.** International students, whether attending the university full-time or part-time, and their dependents residing in the United States are required to purchase the university's international student health and accident insurance unless, in the judgment of the university, adequate coverage is provided from some other source. Information concerning the limits, exclusions, and benefits of this insurance coverage can be obtained from the Student Health Center or [www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health/insurance.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health/insurance.html).
FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid can literally mean any financial resource. Types of financial aid range from savings, retirement funds, and family gifts to federal financial aid. Federal financial aid for a graduate nursing student at Vanderbilt University consists of Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Nursing Loans, Federal Grad PLUS Loans, Private Loans, scholarships and other outside resources you would find based on your own research. Unfortunately, graduate level students do not qualify for federal grants, nor does the School of Nursing offer assistanships or stipends for the MSN program. Federal work-study funds and/or Federal Perkins Loans are not available to nursing students. However, each student enrolled full time will be considered for a partial nursing scholarship. Scholarships are limited, thus it is important to understand the terms and conditions of all types of financial aid.

According to federal guidelines, financial aid funds are allocated for “educational expenses” only. The following lists are “educational” and “non-educational” expenses. By applying financial aid funds to “non-educational expenses”, you are limiting money allocated for your living expenses.

Educational expenses: rent and utilities, meals, personal, medical/dental, transportation, fees, health insurance, activity/recreation fee, books/supplies and tuition.

Non-educational expenses: credit cards, temporary housing, unreasonable rent, furniture, relocation costs, prescriptions, restaurant meals, vacations, automobiles, entertainment, bank charges, uniforms, dry cleaning, financial support for your family.

How to apply for Financial Aid

The financial aid application process includes a series of simple steps. However, difficulties can arise if all steps are not completed in a timely manner. Please use the following checklist as you navigate through the process.

PLEASE NOTE: You do not have to wait until you are admitted to apply for financial aid.

1. Read the 2015-2016 Financial Aid Application Information & Summary of Financial Aid Programs and ALL other forms in this packet. This will be sent to your email address.

2. Complete the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA will ask for our school code which is 003535.

3. After you have completed the previous steps and after you have been admitted to the School of Nursing (for new students), you will receive a financial aid award notification letter after April 15. This award notification will have information about the aid in which you were awarded as well as instructions regarding how to complete your loan applications online. The award letter will also include a separate sheet that will list the new tuition and fee rates for 2015-2016.

4. If you need to make a change to the award or need to add any outside assistance, you can send an email to kristie.L.smith@vanderbilt.edu at the Vanderbilt School of Nursing Student Financial Services Office.

School of Nursing Student Financial Services

Kristie Smith, Director of Student Financial Services for the School of Nursing, assists all prospective and enrolled students with financial aid. She can assist you with your financial aid applications, award letters, scholarships, questions and concerns. She will be able to help you contact the correct people that relate to
FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

your financial aid and its processes. You can contact her at (615)322-8986 or toll free (800)211-2186 or by email at kristie.L.smith@vanderbilt.edu.

Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships is located at 2309 West End Avenue. All student loans are processed in this office. Occasionally, you will receive information from this office but any financial aid questions that you have should be directed to Kristie Smith, the Director of Student Financial Services for the School of Nursing. She will handle all of your financial aid needs directly.
The student applicant is responsible for contacting these potential scholarship and loan repayment resources. This information is subject to change at the discretion of each company/organization listed.

**Alaska Tribal Health Facility** - [www.anthc.org/jt/rec/](http://www.anthc.org/jt/rec/)
The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) recruits for all the Alaska Tribal Health System facilities in Alaska associated with the Indian Health Service. (800) 528-6680 or (907)729-1900

**American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)** - [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org)
Applicants must be members; applicants may join at time of application. In Virginia (703)740-2529 or in Texas (512)442-4262 or admin@aanp.org.

**American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)** - [www.aacn.nche.edu/students/scholarships](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/students/scholarships)
This website lists different types of scholarships, financial aid resources, and loan repayment programs. Some of the sites listed on this site are included on this form. (202) 463-6930

**American Cancer Society** - [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)
The American Cancer Society is awarding Master’s Degree Scholarships in Cancer Nursing. These are awarded to graduate students pursuing degrees in cancer nursing. Awards are made for up to two years with stipend of $10,000 a year. Annual application deadline is February 1. For info, including applications, instructions, and policies contact.

**American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)** - [www.midwife.org](http://www.midwife.org)
Scholarship awarded to candidates who have completed at least one semester in an ACNM-accredited education program, obtained two faculty recommendations, been approved by the program director, demonstrated financial need and the potential to be a future leader and be a member of the ACNM. (240)485-1800

**American Indian Graduate Center** - [www.aigc.com/scholarships/](http://www.aigc.com/scholarships/)
Fellowships offered based on American Indian heritage and financial need. (800) 628-1920 or (505) 881-4584

**Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN)** - [www.aorn.org](http://www.aorn.org)
Applicants must be RNs and members of AORN. (800)755-2676 or (303)755-6304

**Campus RN-AACN Nursing Scholarship Fund** - [www.campusrn.com/network/scholarship_program](http://www.campusrn.com/network/scholarship_program)
CampusRN, the leading employment website for nursing/allied health care students and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) have partnered to offer this new scholarship program for students pursuing professional nursing education programs. They will award six $2,500 scholarships to a needy and deserving student in each region.

**Community Foundation of Middle TN** - [www.cfmt.org/request/scholarships/](http://www.cfmt.org/request/scholarships/)
There is a list of scholarships for students in all types of degree programs. (888) 540-5200 or (615)321-4939
SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN REPAYMENT RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

Discover Nursing – www.discovernursing.com/
Here you’ll find everything you need to start or continue your nursing career, including information on nursing programs, scholarships, and schools.

Diversity Nursing – www.diversitynursing.com
A company that lists various scholarship and employment resources. Pat Magrath (781)248-3446

Fast WEB (financial aid search via the web) – www.fastweb.com
Search for scholarships, fellowships, grants and loans.

Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association – www.nsna.org
Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, the Foundation awards scholarships to qualified nursing students. Telephone (718) 210-0705 Fax (718) 797-1186 Email nsna@nsna.org

Hispanic Scholarship Fund – www.hsf.net/en/scholarships/
College scholarship program for Hispanic students. (310)975-3700

Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) – www.ihs.gov
The Indian Health Service offers financial alternatives to RNs who provide direct patient care, such as, Practitioners and Certified Nurse-Midwives. They offer scholarships, loan repayment options and nurse recruitment.

International Student Scholarships – www.internationalscholarships.com
The International Scholarship Search is the premier financial aid, college scholarship and international scholarship resource for students wishing to study abroad.

March of Dimes Nursing Scholarships – www.marchofdimes.com/nursing
To recognize and promote excellence in nursing care of mothers and babies, the March of Dimes offers several $5,000 scholarships annually to registered nurses enrolled in graduate programs of maternal-child nursing. Applications are usually due by January 15 of each year. For more info, email profedu@marchofdimes.com

Mary Guild Minority Scholarship Program –
www.maryfreebed.com/Jobs/Minority-Scholarship-Program
The Mary Free Bed Guild, established in 1891, is a non-profit organization that owns Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital. In 2002, the Mary Free Bed Guild created the Minority Scholarship Program for minority students pursuing degrees in nursing or rehabilitation therapy programs. (616) 493-9752

This website offers a list of funding from many different resources-most of them being available only to minority students. All awards have various criteria for recipients, which may include financial need, academic achievement and involvement in community service. In addition, some awards require the recipient to work in a specific location-often a medically underserved area-after graduation. Contact the sponsoring organizations listed on the website for more detailed information.
SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN REPAYMENT RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

MinuteClinic – [www.minuteclinic.com/scholarship](http://www.minuteclinic.com/scholarship)
For MSN and DNP. Applicants must be legal U.S. residents enrolled in nationally accredited nurse practitioner master's or doctor's programs. To be eligible, students must be in programs leading to licensure as an APRN with a Family Nurse Practitioner specialty or other special interest in community or public health. High academic performance and strong community involvement will be taken into account.

National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) – [www.thehispanicnurses.org/scholarship](http://www.thehispanicnurses.org/scholarship)
Open to Hispanic students. U.S. citizens or legal residents. Open to students enrolled in nursing school and must be a member of NAHN. (501) 367-8616

The NBNA offers various scholarships each year ranging from $500-$2,000. (301) 589-3200

The National Health Service Corp offers financial alternatives to students who are majoring in Family Nurse Practitioner or Nurse-Midwifery programs. The NHSC offers a scholarship program that pays tuition, books, and fees and includes a monthly stipend. Student contacts the NHSC for a scholarship application. The NHSC also offers a loan repayment program (NELRP) to which you apply right before the completion of your program. Both programs require at least a two-year working commitment in one of the Eligible Health Facilities. The NHSC is looking for students that have experienced or want to work with underserved populations in the United States. You must be a citizen or national of the United States. (800) 221-9393

The National League for Nursing (NLN) – [www.nln.org/giving/overview/nln-foundation-for-nursing-education](http://www.nln.org/giving/overview/nln-foundation-for-nursing-education)
NLN has scholarships based on a student’s commitment to become faculty upon graduation from a masters program or doctoral program.

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America – [www.nscda.org](http://www.nscda.org)
American Indian Nurse Scholarship Awards (202)337-2288

Applicants must obtain a letter of sponsorship from their local DAR Chapter. (202) 628-1776

Scholarships and awards are for graduate nurse practitioner students (Masters, Doctor of Nursing, PhD) and/or practicing nurse practitioners. (425) 861-0911

Enables students accepted or enrolled in a diploma, associate, baccalaureate or graduate nursing programs, including RN to BSN, RN to MSN-NP, Direct Entry MSN-NP program to receive funding for tuition, fees and other educational costs in exchange for working at an eligible NURSE Corps site upon graduation. (800) 221-9393
SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN REPAYMENT RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

Nurses Educational Funds, Inc. – www.n-e-f.org/
Applicants must be RNs seeking an advanced degree and belong to a national nursing organization.
(212) 590-2443 Email: info@n-e-f.org

East Tennessee Foundation Scholarships – www.easttennesseefoundation.org
Must be pursuing a career in public health or be pursuing continuing nursing education. TN residents only. Must reside in certain counties in TN. Must be either a currently employed public health nurse or a public health nursing student. Deadline: March 1 (877) 524-1223 or (865) 524-1223

Scholarship America – www.scholarshipamerica.org/
By involving communities, corporations, organizations, and individuals in the support of students through its three major programs: Dollars for Scholars, Scholarship Management Services, Scholarship America strives to strengthen the world, one student at a time. (800) 537-4180 or (800) 279-2083

Student Scholarship Search – www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/
Search for scholarships here, and submit links to ones you’ve found on your own!

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) – Graduate Nursing Loan Forgiveness Program – www.collegexpress.com/scholarships/graduate-nursing-loan-forgiveness/2009560/
This program is designed to encourage Tennessee residents who are nurses to become teachers and administrators in Tennessee nursing education programs. Applicants must be enrolled in an eligible master’s degree or a post master’s degree in a nursing educational program at an eligible institution. Awards are based on funding. Participants of this program incur an obligation to enter a faculty or administrative position in a nursing education program, in Tennessee, immediately upon completion of the education program. (800) 342-1663 or (615) 741-1346

United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps – www.usphs.gov/student/
(800) 279-1605

Washington State Health Professional Loan Repayment Program – www.wsac.wa.gov/health-professionals
The Health Professional Loan Repayment Program encourages licensed primary care health professionals to serve in Washington’s critical shortage areas. The program provides financial assistance through either conditional scholarships or loan repayment. The loan repayment portion of the program provides educational repayment assistance to licensed primary care health professionals. Applicants agree to provide primary care health care in rural or underserved urban areas with designated shortages.

The Washboard.org – www.washboard.org
We connect Washington students of all types with Washington scholarship providers for FREE. Whether you’ll be attending in state or out, you save time by entering your profile once and letting us find the scholarship opportunities that fit. The WashBoard.org is spam-free and will never sell your information. (888) 535-0747 Option #8
VU HUMAN RESOURCES TUITION DISCOUNT

Refer to www/hrvanderbilt.edu/policies/education-assistance-programs.php.

Contact Employee Service Center 615-343-7000.

See Education Assistance Programs policy update - changes go into effect 9/1/2012.

Vanderbilt provides tuition discounts for spouses and eligible dependent children of faculty and staff. Applicable waiting periods must be met prior to registration.

- Staff. After three months of employment, full-time staff may audit one Vanderbilt course of up to three hours per semester. Tuition will be waived as long as you have the instructor’s permission to attend. Staff may receive a 70% discount at Vanderbilt or other accredited institutions for courses taken for credit. A maximum of one three-hour course each semester and three courses each school year may be taken.

- Spouses of Staff. After three months of employment, spouses of full-time staff may receive a 47% discount at Vanderbilt of one non-degree course per semester.

- Children of Staff. See the Tuition Benefit for My Child website.

VUMC Nursing Tuition Assistance Benefit

The Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) Nursing Tuition Assistance benefit is based on the need to continuously attract and retain qualified Registered Nursing personnel and nursing faculty. The program is subject to change or discontinuation by VUMC in the event that the market no longer dictates the need or the Medical Center elects to eliminate the program.

The Nursing Tuition Assistance Benefit* is only available to regular full-time employees employed at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

For questions related to Nursing Tuition Benefit, please email nursingtuition@vanderbilt.edu. Because this email account is checked on all business days, your inquiry will get a quicker response than if you leave a voice mail for an individual who may or may not be in the office on a given day. If you need to talk to someone in person, leave your contact information in your email and someone will follow up with you.

Questions? Contact us at nursingtuition@vanderbilt.edu.
HOUSING AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Graduate & Professional Students Housing

Vanderbilt University does not offer on-campus University housing for graduate or professional students. To support the housing needs of new and continuing graduate and professional students, the Office of Housing and Residential Education provides a web-based Off Campus Referral Service. The Referral Service lists information on housing accommodations for students who plan to live off campus. The website includes advertisements by landlords looking specifically for Vanderbilt-affiliated tenants, as well as by Vanderbilt students looking for roommates. Listings are searchable by cost, distance from campus, number of bedrooms, and other parameters. Students may also post “wanted” ads seeking roommate or housemate situations. In mid-April, the School of Nursing will set-up a Facebook page for nursing students looking for a roommate.

Web Address:
www.vanderbilt.edu/resed

Contact Information:
Office of Housing and Residential Education
Vanderbilt University
VU #351677, Station B
Nashville, TN 37235
615-322-2591: 615-322-2020(fax): email: resed@vanderbilt.edu

Hotel Information

If you will be a distance student that comes to Vanderbilt campus for short periods of time, you should visit the Vanderbilt University visitor travel portal for a list of hotels and bed and breakfasts at:
http://www.campusntravel.com/university/vanderbilt/

For the 2015-16 academic year several area hotels have special rates for Vanderbilt School of Nursing students. The list will be updated in early June. The 2015-16 list includes:

• Embassy Suites at Vanderbilt
• Hampton Inn & Suites Vanderbilt Elliston Place
• Hampton Inn Vanderbilt West End
• Home 2 Suites by Hilton
• Homewood Suites Nashville Vanderbilt
• Hilton Garden Inn Nashville Vanderbilt
• Holiday Inn
UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Thank you for spending your Saturday with us! We hope that the day has provided you with the information that you need in order to achieve your career goals. Please complete the information below and tear out this page to put in the box in the Atrium along with your evaluation form.

Name ____________________________________________

First Middle Last

Address ____________________________________________

Street City State Zip

Birth Date* _____/____/_________ Email Address* ____________________________________________

*We will not share your information and will use it only to provide you with current information about Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

I would enter with:  ___ASN ___Diploma RN ___ BSN ___MSN

___BS BA or higher degree in _____________________________ (your major)

Date of Graduation ____________________ College of University ________________________________

Check for information about:

___Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program  ___PhD in Nursing Science program

___Post Master’s Certificate  ___Doctor of Nursing (DNP) program  ___Post Doctoral opportunities

Choose the Advanced Practice specialty or PhD research area that interests you:

___ Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner  ___ Nurse Midwifery/FNP Dual Focus

___ Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner  ___ Nursing Informatics (RNs only)

___ Clinical Research (PhD)  ___ Palliative Care Post-master’s (NP’s only)

___ Emergency Nurse Practitioner (RNs only)  ___ Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (RNs only)

___ Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)  ___ Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

___ Healthcare Leadership (RNs only)  ___ Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

___ Health Services Research (PhD)  ___ Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)

___ Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (RNs only)  ___ Women’s Health/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care

___ Nurse Midwifery Nurse Practitioner Dual Focus

Other (please indicate) ____________________________________________________________

When would you like to be considered for admission? Fall (August) Year _______________________

How did you hear about our programs? ___________________________________________________
EVALUATION OF OPEN HOUSE

1. Was it easy to register using the online RSVP? YES NO

2. Did the Open House website give you the information you needed? YES NO

3. Indicate which morning session you attended:
   _____ASN/ADN Entry   _____BA/BS Entry   _____BSN/PMC Entry   _____DNP   _____PhD

4. The morning session was:
   _____very helpful   _____helpful   _____not helpful
   Please explain ____________________________________________________________

5. Presentation on Financial Aid was:
   _____very helpful   _____helpful   _____not helpful

6. The student panel was:
   _____very helpful   _____helpful   _____not helpful

7. The Open House booklet was:
   _____very helpful   _____helpful   _____not helpful

8. The MSN afternoon specialty sessions were:
   _____very helpful   _____helpful   _____not helpful   _____did not attend

9. The DNP afternoon session was:
   _____very helpful   _____helpful   _____not helpful   _____did not attend

10. The tour of the Simulation Lab was:
    _____very helpful   _____helpful   _____not helpful   _____did not attend

11. The Global Health session was:
    _____very helpful   _____helpful   _____not helpful   _____did not attend

12. Please indicate:
    I have been admitted for fall 2016 _________________________________________________
    I applied for fall 2016 admission (indicate program) __________________________________
    I am undecided about whether I will apply because _________________________________
    I am not going to apply because (give reason) ______________________________________

13. Please indicate semester you would like to begin the program (Note: Full-time study begins only in fall semester):
    _____Fall '16   _____Fall '17   _____Fall '18

14. Overall Open House
    _____exceeded my expectations   _____met my expectations   _____ did not provide the information I needed

15. Please use back of sheet for further comments and suggestions.

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### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

- Entry with a MSN in advanced practice (CNM, CNS, CRNA, or NP), nursing informatics or healthcare systems and earn your DNP degree in 4 semesters (full-time) or 6 semesters (part-time).
- Entry with a MSN may add an advanced practice certification to the DNP course of study (Post-Master’s certificate plus DNP).
- Entry with Master’s in Nursing Education or Clinical Nurse Leader first earn a Post-Master’s certificate in an advanced practice specialty and then proceed to the DNP.
- Entry with BSN and an MPH, MBA, or Master’s in a related field earn a master’s in passing in the Systems Focus Track and the DNP.
- Entry with a BSN apply to the MSN program and make a transition into the DNP program if you have a master’s GPA of at least 3.5.
- A joint DNP/MPH program between Vanderbilt School of Nursing and Vanderbilt School of Medicine is available.
- Learning built upon Vanderbilt’s 100-year history of leadership and excellence in nursing, teaching, practice and research.
- Clinical integration tailored to each student’s scholarly interests, with clinical partners in health care agencies/organizations who support and facilitate the application of knowledge and skills from coursework to their clinical settings.
- A combination of on-campus study and online/distance learning methodologies for both real-time and virtual scholarly interaction and faculty mentoring – so that DNP students do not have to relocate or give up employment.

### PhD IN NURSING SCIENCE

- Two tracks: Clinical Research or Health Services Research
- Program prepares nurse scholars for research and academic careers in public or private sectors of healthcare
- Collegial and supportive environment with close faculty interaction