

Dear Students,

Congratulations on your admission to Vanderbilt University School of Nursing (VUSN) and welcome to the Women's Health/Gender-Related Nurse Practitioner (WHGRNP) specialty! The WHGRNP faculty and I look forward to working with you during what we anticipate will be an exciting, fast-paced year. Our program focuses on preparing you for entry-level advanced practice as a WHGRNP. Emphasis is on health promotion through the life span. The WHGRNP program at Vanderbilt has an excellent record of producing outstanding nurse practitioners. Know that you will be joining nursing professionals around the world who are bringing new solutions to the delivery of cost- effective, accessible and evidence-based care to patients and their families.

The most important advice I can give you as you begin your education at Vanderbilt is to:

- 1. Be organized. Know how you best keep track of things (a paper calendar, Google calendar, smart phone).
- 2. Be patient with yourself. It takes some time to adjust to being in graduate school, especially if it has been several years since you were last a student.
- 3. Be a good communicator. Although we will not see each other in class every day, we are available via email and in person. We will gladly schedule time for you to see us in our offices or to speak with you by phone or Zoom.
- 4. Surround yourself with support. Friends, family and co-workers will be invaluable during this time.
- 5. Carve out a little time for yourself every day to focus on something that brings you pleasure. You deserve it!

You will be receiving more details about your classes and the overall program in August during orientation. It is a VUSN expectation that students are present for all blocked, on-campus and virtual classes.

The WHGRNP faculty and I are excited to start a new academic year with you! Have a restful summer. We will see you in August!

Sincerely,

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