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Dear Vanderbilt University School of Nursing student,

Welcome to the Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) program at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing (VUSN). The faculty look forward to working with you in the year(s) to come. Our program focuses on preparing you for entry-level advanced practice as an AGPCNP. Emphasis is placed on health maintenance and primary care of adolescents and adults. 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.

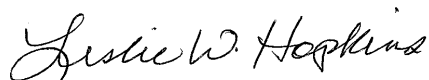
The most important advice I can give you as you begin your education at Vanderbilt is to:

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, faculty are available via email, zoom and in person. We will gladly schedule time with you.
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 joy. You deserve it.

You will be receiving more details about your classes and the overall program at the mandatory orientation in August.

On behalf of the AGPCNP faculty, we are excited to start a new academic year with you. It will be fast paced and involve a lot of hard work, but it will be fun. We will look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,



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