

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

NURSING AND HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP MSN SPECIALTY PROGRAM

Dear students,

Welcome to the Nursing and Health Care Leadership (NHCL) MSN specialty program. My name is Debbie Arnow, Director of the Nursing and Health Care Leadership program of study. On behalf of the NHCL faculty, we wish you and your nurse colleagues every success and happiness as you pursue your MSN degree at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing.

We congratulate you on your decision to embark on this journey to build and expand upon your knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively function as a health care leader in a variety of health care practice settings within our dynamic and ever-changing health care landscape. The art and science of nursing and leadership were integral to the work of the faculty team, health care leaders in our community as well as former graduate students in the redesign of the NHCL specialty program.

You will have the opportunity to learn from our faculty who bring a wealth of knowledge and skills in nursing and health care leadership. The modified, distance accessible format consists of:

- (1) a virtual immersion experience in Semester 1 followed by on campus immersion in semester 5
- (2) courses using a distance format as well as on-campus immersion experience
- (3) practicum courses in Semesters 5 and 6.

In preparing to begin the NHCL MSN specialty program in August 2023, we recommend you review:

1. Immersion Experience, fall 2023. This calendar includes dates/times.
2. Textbook list, fall 2023. This list includes required and recommended texts.
3. Course Coordinators, fall 2023. Drs. Jennifer Barut and Kelly Aldridge

We also recommend you access the VUSN – NHCL webpage at:

<https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/msn/nhcl/index.php> from time to time for updates as you prepare to begin the NHCL MSN specialty program.

Other resources that might be of interest to you include:

Tuition and Fees: https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/tuition_fees.php

Financial Aid: https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/msn/financial_aid.php

VUSN Student Support Services:

https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/support_directory.php

Academic Calendar: MSN Program :

https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/calendars/msn_dnp.php

If you have any questions and/or would like to talk further about the NHCL program, just let me know. I can be contacted at: debra.a.arnow@vanderbilt.edu and/or 615 343-4056.

Look forward to meeting you at the MSN and NHCL orientation in August 2023.

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