Welcome to Vanderbilt University! The Vanderbilt University School of Nursing (VUSN) has a long tradition of leadership in nursing and delivery of optimal patient care and we know you will continue our tradition of excellence.

Admitted Students Web Page
Please refer to the VUSN web page under Students / Admitted, or go to https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/students/current/blockschedules/index.php for updated information on intensive sessions and textbooks.

New Student Orientation and first intensive During the intensive, you will meet with your faculty advisor/DNP project committee chair, receive computer assistance, obtain your student ID, and attend orientation sessions for fall courses.

Schedule
All DNP courses are offered in a blended format, which includes blocks of face-to-face classes on campus at the beginning of each semester combined with on-line learning throughout the semester. Many area hotels offer our students discounts for the intensive weeks. Information on local hotels with special rates for VUSN students can be found on the “Admitted Students” page on the website.

Technology Requirements
Please review the technology requirements found at https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/index.php. Information about other learning resources and technology will be presented during new student orientation in August, and will be posted to the “Admitted Students” page on our website.

Background Check, Immunization and Textbook Requirements*
Please refer to the attached “DNP Student Requirements Checklist” document for information regarding health (immunization) and background check requirements for DNP students.

These requirements must be complete upon arrival to VUSN orientation. You will not be allowed to begin classes until all requirements are met. Questions concerning these requirements may be directed to Lisa Boyer Shiver at lisa.boyer@vanderbilt.edu.

Required textbook information will be posted on the VUSN website August 1.

Module Requirements
There are several online learning modules to complete prior to starting classes. More information on these requirements will be posted on the Admitted Students web page.
Clinical Placement*

Most DNP students complete the required 500 practice hours in their employment setting, but we do offer clinical placement assistance for those DNP students who need it. VUSN will make every reasonable effort to accommodate placement requests; however, due to various requirements such as certain State Boards of Nursing and/or Standard Education rules, we may not be able to fulfill your location of choice. You will hear more about clinical placement during orientation in August.

Important dates for the start of the Fall 2021 semester

Mandatory Fall Intensive Session: August 30 - September 3, 2021. A detailed agenda will be posted to the Admitted Students page on the website 4-6 weeks before the intensives.
First day of class: Monday, August 30.

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Note: You will receive registration information in June.