

VANDERBILT HOUSING/RELOCATION INFORMATION 2017 - 2018

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Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce – Getting Established - <http://www.nashvillechamber.com/Homepage/Relocation/RelocateFamily/GettingEstablished.aspx>

The Tennessean FYI Guides to Davidson County & Middle Tennessee - <http://www.tennessean.com/topic/780bac52-24db-4e9f-8ad6-d65ade4c4854/fyi/>

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Furniture Rental – Cort Furniture Rental - https://furniture.cort.com/storefront/student/c02_04.html

Online publication focusing on what makes Nashville, Nashville – www.nashvilleguru.com

Pinterest – Nashville Love - <http://pinterest.com/vusn/nashville-love/>

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

Nashville boasts a variety of neighborhoods from downtown apartments to multifamily units in the suburbs to every kind of apartment community or single-family residential home. There are several distinct areas of the city listed below. For more information about these & other Nashville, communities visit the following sites:

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/nashville/essentials.php#areas> or <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/nashville/home.php>.

Hillsboro Village, West End

In this relatively tiny slice of Nashville, which is urban, walkable and has more housing options than other nearby neighborhoods. It is between Vanderbilt and Belmont University, home to Music Row, some intriguing businesses and lots of restaurants and bars. The area is bounded by busy West End Avenue, Franklin Road on the east and the 440 Parkway on the south. At the heart of West End is trendy Hillsboro Village, where you will find college students, young adults and families enjoying the lively area.

Green Hills, Forest Hills

So you want to shop until you drop, take a break for a quick bite to eat or a sit-down dinner and still be within a shopping bag's throw of home. The Green Hills/Forest Hills neighborhood may be just the place for you to build, buy or rent a new home. Anchored by the sprawling regional Mall at Green Hills, the neighborhood has easy access to Hillsboro Pike, which generates much of the Nashville's north-south traffic. Green Hills is one of Nashville's most lived-in and visited areas. It has 21 churches, 14 schools and nearby police and fire protection, as well as more than one million square feet of shopping, movie theaters and a wide variety of restaurants. In addition, if you want an afternoon in the park, you are just a jog or picnic basket away from the Edwin and Percy Warner parks and a secluded secret of Nashville – Radnor Lake.

The Gulch

Located at the edge of the Central Business District and within minutes of West End Avenue, Music Row and Hillsboro Village, The Gulch has an upscale-trendy vibe, extremely walkable, with a thriving business community. High-rise apartment buildings and condominiums make up the residential component of The Gulch. This area is also home to some of Nashville's newest and most popular restaurants and bars.

SoBro (South of Broadway)

Although, it is located just steps away from Broadway and "The District", it is its own neighborhood. This area is one of the most highly developed areas of the city. High-rise apartments and lofts make up the residential component of SoBro.

Sylvan Park, Charlotte Park, West Nashville

Sylvan Park offers a beautiful setting with a funky edge. Here, solid, 1920s clapboard homes and the architectural flourishes on stone bungalows from the '30s and '40s look right at home together. You can easily walk to West End, but would have to drive to other areas of Nashville. This is a more residential area with great neighborhood restaurants and a natural foods market.

East Nashville

Over the river & past LP Field, you could get happily lost among the beautifully restored homes in Historic Edgefield, but be sure to stop on Woodland Street and recharge at Five Points, a lively hub of bistros, coffeehouses, boutiques and neighborhood stores. The area has undergone extreme revitalization over the last decade, drawing a lot of attention to an assortment of newcomers who enjoy a laid-back community and culture. Many different types of people live in East Nashville, but expect to see mostly young, hip adults and families at the local spots. There are all types of properties including houses, townhouses, duplexes and small apartments. Walking from East Nashville to the other areas is pretty much out of the question, so be prepared to stay on that side of the river or be willing to drive a little.

12South

12 South is a great area comprised mainly of young families and free-spirited individuals. You will find freelancers and musicians at the local coffeehouses and moms with strollers walking to the nearby park. There are some awesome restaurants in the 12 South area including laid-back joints as well as fine dining. You can also enjoy the 12 South Farmer's Market every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 6:30pm during the warmer months. 12 South also has several apparel shops that sell everything from vintage to modern styles. From 12 South, you can walk to Belmont Blvd, but would need to drive to the other areas in Nashville. There are some new apartment and condominium options. Most people live in houses along the perpendicular side streets of 12 Avenue South.

Germantown

The oldest area in Nashville with an awesome, eclectic vibe. Germantown, so named because of the influx of German immigrants in the mid-19th century, is being restored to its original grandeur and still has brick sidewalks. It is very walkable and offers several housing options; individual houses, townhouses, duplexes & low-rise apartments. This area has great restaurants, cute boutiques and Nashville's Farmers' Market is within easy walking distance of Germantown.

Bellevue

Bellevue, perched on the southwestern tip of Davidson County, allows newcomers to keep one foot in the city life and the other in the country. With its plethora of apartments and abundance of single-family homes within 30 minutes of downtown (depending on traffic), commuters can feel like they live in the country and still have the hustle and bustle of downtown. Bellevue also can be like your hometown – small enough to get around in easily, but large enough to offer the shopping, dining and entertainment you seek. Nestled around the regional Bellevue Center shopping complex are numerous fast food outlets and restaurant chains, dozens of churches, schools, movie theaters with multiple screens and a unique community park. Nearby police and fire protection service the community, this has two major interchanges for Interstate 40 access.

HOUSING SUGGESTIONS FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

Remember these are only helpful suggestions by our current & former students. Rent amounts mentioned will probably not be the same for fall 2017 – 2018.

Apartment info for those coming from far away: If you are coming to Vanderbilt from far away, it is best to try to come and visit apartments, at least for a few days during the summer. I suggest coming in June, when there are still a variety of apartments available. As the summer wears on, apartments fill up in preparation for the return of students in August. Before coming, find some apartments to visit while in Nashville and make appointments to see them when you are here. Many places will let you fill out leases through the mail, which is nice. You may have to start a lease earlier than you want, but I think that is better than waiting too late and ending up with an apartment that is out of your price/geographical range. Additionally, apartment complexes seem to be more expensive if you're looking for a one bedroom, and although they offer more amenities than living in an apartment/house does (swimming pool, gym, laundry), it's necessary to weigh the extra price against how often you're going to use those amenities. My apartment/house in **Sylvan Park** has a porch surrounded by a nice yard and I am within 10 minutes driving of a laundromat, 3 grocery stores, a Dollar Store, gas stations, and a branch of the Public Library (which is situated in a nice park with Tennis courts and baseball fields). It takes me 15 minutes to drive to the parking garage at Vanderbilt or to get downtown for nightlife. However, if you are unable to travel to Nashville to look at apartments, it is definitely safer to go with an apartment complex because there is a guaranteed level of upkeep that is not so with apartment/house rentals.

I am originally from Oregon so I did not have a lot of time to be on site in Nashville to look for apartments. However, I definitely recommend making time to visit Nashville and touring apartments to get a feel for the area. I currently live in the **American Apartment** building off 21st and Division. It has 1 and 2 bedroom units and. It is an older building but it's a great choice for a simple living set up. There is an application and a security deposit at the time of application. The rent is also fixed if you provide proof of admission as a full time student at Vanderbilt. I have had a great experience so far and the building is only a 10-minute walk from campus so I do not have to drive much outside of clinical and grocery shopping. The walk to campus can be very refreshing and it has really helped me to clear my head and relieve stress. There is some outdoor noise the weekend but it is a very safe building and a safe area. Units are claimed very quickly so I have had a great experience so far and it is great being so close to campus.

I live in the **Lofts at 30th N** (210 30th Ave N, just off West End). Here is what I like about it:

The Lofts at 30th N is very close to campus (I walk every day) as well as other fun places to eat along West End, and recreational opportunities in Centennial Park. I study nearby at Three Brothers Coffee all the time. It is also near many other apartment buildings where VUSN students tend to live, so I have many friends who are also my neighbors. The building and apartments are very nice: stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, etc. I love my space and look forward to coming home to my apartment every day. I always feel safe and secure there. I found the place through the VUSN housing Facebook group; a student in the year above me and her fiancé lived there before I did.

When I first came to Nashville, I stayed in an **Airbnb** rental for a month while I looked for housing. I also came here in March, a few months before school started so that I could secure a place to live as well as get to know the city and work. Being in town while looking for a place was helpful because I could drive through the neighborhoods and physically view the house before committing. Additionally, the Facebook group was helpful for many of my friends to find roommates that are also in the program. It is not impossible to live in East Nashville and attend this program! The rent can be cheaper on that side of town and commuting is definitely do-able as long as you leave with plenty of time in the morning.

It can be overwhelming trying to set up housing in Nashville from a distance. Do not give up! A couple things I wish I had known:

- 1) Call apartment buildings you are interested in and find out when they will have apartments available for when you are ready to move in. Most places do not know availability until 2 months before, so it can feel like you are waiting until the last minute, but this is normal in Nashville. It is worth it to put your feelers out so you know you have a few options of where you might live. Get on a waitlist to be called when things become available if you can!
 - 2) I suggest visiting Nashville to look around and see where you might be living. If you can do this in the later spring, around April-June, that is ideal because then you can close on an apartment or house in person. If you come much earlier, things will not be available for July-August move in.
 - 3) Watch out for **Craigslist-many scams are run in this area** where someone takes your deposit money and you never hear from them again. Craigslist is great if you are local, harder if you are setting things up from far away.
 - 4) I suggest living in walking distance of the school for pre-specialty year. I did not realize how much I would appreciate this! It was not a priority of mine but I am happy I ended up within walking distance because it takes away the stress of commuting when you are already really busy.
 - 5) Use the VUSN Nursing Facebook pages: There is usually one for accepted students set up every year and there is a Vanderbilt Nursing Roommate search page. That nursing Facebook is how I found my apartment and my roommate! It worked out great.
- Good luck in your search!

Website- This is everything Nashville :) www.nashvilleguru.com

I wish I would have known the great advantages of living walking/biking distance from VUSN. Parking can be such a hassle if you can find it free and very expensive if you opt to park in South Garage (plus it takes about 12 min to walk to VUSN, which is the same as some free parking locations). It may be worth it to spend a little more to live closer rather than deal with morning rush hour traffic and parking considerations. Good luck!

This is only semi-related to housing, but probably my best piece of advice--try your very best to save at least \$1000 this summer before starting school because you WILL run out of money at the end of the first semester and your rent and bills will be due BEFORE you get your spring financial aid check.

One thing I would like to include is that people coming from the West Coast or any far distances be aware of the cost to move and live here BEFORE financial aid is provided. Also that they realize that Financial Aid does not begin until late Aug/Sept and they will need to pay for their rent out-of-pocket for the month of August when they arrive.

I am not sure if this counts as housing information, but my roommate and I would like to share information about public transportation. We are from out of state, and purposefully chose a place that was on a bus route. Come to find out, public transportation is not as well set-up nor as reliable, as it is in other cities we have encountered. By car, we are only a 15-minute drive from campus. Even though the bus stop is literally in our front yard, there is no direct bus route to campus (meaning we would have to switch busses midway through), and any route would take nearly an hour (if the bus runs as scheduled, which it rarely does). Not to mention the drivers and other passengers have a tendency to be....unsavory.

The Vanderbilt shuttles, on the other hand, have proven to be a wonderful means of transportation. They run so frequently there is no need to worry about arrival time. The parking lots are free to park and are patrolled by VUCO's for safety, the drivers are SO friendly, and the passengers are all Vanderbilt students and employees. It is definitely worth it to drive to a lot rather than waiting on a public bus. For us, the entire process from home to classroom rarely takes more than 30 minutes. It takes that long to find a space to park on campus!

Just thought I would share this information for others who are on a tight budget and trying to cut costs by avoiding a parking pass. Might help them determine how far off campus they want to be.

I wanted to provide a few housing pointers for the incoming students.

- Begin your search for housing early - March/April. Housing close to campus and housing in nicer areas fills up quickly and searching late may not allow you many options.
- If you are a local student, spend the money your first year to live close to campus. You will be on campus five days a week and the driving time, gas, etc. do add up and will cut into both your study, sleep and free time.
- Living a few miles outside of the city may seem like a good idea. However, six miles away can become an hour drive each way depending on the traffic in your location. When looking for housing, try driving to campus during the morning rush hour and driving home. Use this information/experience to help with your decision.
- Being able to walk or ride a bike to school might be worth it! What you save in time and gas money might be worth the extra in rent!
- Check the crime statistics in the area in which you are looking for housing. Apartment complexes and property owners are not forthcoming with this information - so do the research on your own.
- Do not just rely on craigslist or internet searches for housing options. Drive around the areas that you are looking to live. Many amazing housing options only have signs in the lawns and are not advertised elsewhere!
- Check the VUSN Facebook page - there is one set up for housing, and many students post if they are looking for roommates or trying to sublet.

Nashvilleguru.com is a great website that highlights the different events and businesses in different Nashville neighborhoods. A handful of nursing students currently live in the apartments at West End Village, which is right off campus, but also in walking/biking distance to campus and to the Vanderbilt hospital. Other apartment complexes that I have heard people like are the **Grove apartments** off West End and across 440, **Bristol apartments** near West End and 29th Ave, and **Village at Vanderbilt**, which is right next to the freshmen dorms. I hope this little bit of information is helpful!

I thought the roommate search page on Facebook was helpful in finding a roommate. My roommate and I are both in the program and live in **West End Village Apartments on 31st Avenue North**. It is a great location, within walking distance to campus.

I found my condominium by driving around and saw a sign in a yard. Things are snapped up very quickly around campus. My condominium was about 1 mile from nursing building – easy walking distance.

I already lived in Nashville when I began this program, but I do find it immensely helpful living fairly close to campus (within 15 mins.) If my commute was much more than that, it could add unnecessary stress. Also, something I was not aware of when I started the program - the city bus is free to Vandy students. This has

been a big cost saver for me! I do not have to pay for parking at school, no gas for my car and it is great for the environment. The bus gives me time to review notes or decompress as well and I am dropped off 7 mins from Godchaux.

I really liked living within walking distance of campus ~ 1.5 miles. I got my exercise getting to class and could listen to lectures on the way. I utilized the VUMC shuttle sometimes, which cut down on my walking time.

I live at the **Metropolitan apartments** about 5 to 10 mins from campus. It is a great community and they even have a discounted deposit for students! I feel very safe and the bus has a direct route to Vandy (free with our IDs).

My husband and I live in the **Bellevue** area, along with many other students and really enjoy it. It feels like our own little community, however; only takes me 15 minutes to get to class and is close to St. Thomas where many of us have clinicals. My husband and I have an apartment we love in the **Colonial Grand Apartments of Bellevue**. They are very nice (fireplace, 2 pools, workout facility, sunroom in apt, gated) and we only pay 900 for a two bedroom which is very reasonable. They also allow pets. I would highly recommend it.

I have lived in **Bellevue** for the past 2.5 years and love it. For me, it is far enough away from the busy downtown area, but still not too bad of a drive to campus. It is a nice area, and everything you would need (grocery stores, shopping areas, movie theaters, restaurants) are usually only a few minutes' drive. I also found that you could get a much bigger/nicer apartment for your money because it is a little further from downtown and you are not paying for the location, necessarily.

I started out living in **Bellevue**-approx. 9 miles from campus, which equates to a 20-minute commute. I enjoyed the commute for the first few months of school, but as things get more intense the need to be close to campus increases. I highly recommend finding a place close to campus. There are plenty of options off Blair, Fairfax, Blakemore, and the numbered streets. I know it is hard to find a "new home" when you are not from the area, but look early and go with your gut. I ended up moving closer to campus, which of course is more expensive, but it is worth every penny. Sign up for the Vanderbilt School of Nursing Facebook page.

I just wanted to provide a good apartment complex that incoming students should check out if they do not mind a little drive to and from campus. My fiancé and I moved to Nashville last year for the program, we were looking for something a little less expensive, and we have absolutely loved our apartments. **Grande View Apartments** are located at exit 199 right off I-40 in the **Bellevue area**, and even on the worst day of traffic with accidents, the most it has taken me to get to school is 30 minutes. It is usually around 14-20 minutes depending on the traffic and time of day. But no more than 20-25 in the morning. The complex has several pools, a hot tub, workout facility, tennis court, and sand volleyball. It is a gated community and it is beautiful. My fiancé and I have a 2 bedroom, 2-bathroom apartment, and we pay less than \$600 each for rent and utilities (including cable - which is required by the apartment). So if anyone is interested in saving money and living a little further away, it has definitely been worth it for us! It is also only a 10-minute drive to **Edwin Warner Park**, which is beautiful with great hiking trails! Great community and very convenient!

I live in the **Jeannie Apartments**, and it has been a fantastic place. It is an older, simple complex with 24 2-bedroom units for \$650. Especially splitting this with a roommate and its location 2 miles from the nursing school, it is the best deal I found. There is a washer and dryer in the facility. Utilities are a little high since it is an older building, but Mrs. Wood (manager) is on top of things, keeps this quiet and in order, and takes care of her nursing students. The neighborhood is great, and I can walk, run, and bike easily.

Also, **Medical Christian Fellowship** is a group someone mentioned to me when I moved here. It is a great opportunity for Bible studies, fellowship, mentors, and service, especially if you are looking for good community. Nashville has many diverse things going on, so get out and explore, listen to some music, go to the farmer's markets, enjoy the parks. nowplayingnashville.com is a good source if you ever have time to look for something fun.

I have lived in the **Jeannie Apartments** (2526 Sharondale Dr.) throughout this program and have enjoyed it as an affordable option close to campus. Rent is \$650/month for a double and includes water. Every apartment is 2 beds, 1 bath and a small living room/kitchen. The facility has 2 washers and dryers in the basement for all residents to use. As far as I know, this is the cheapest you will find within 2 miles of Vanderbilt. Although the apartments are much older, the property owner is very good about fixing any problems that occur within 24-48 hours. I have had very few problems with the apartment itself, as they have been well maintained. There are many other nursing and graduate level students living in the complex also, but the noise level is very quiet. The landlord does not allow undergraduate students to live here. I think it is in the ideal location because I live under 2 miles to Vanderbilt, Green Hills (which has the mall, restaurants, Kroger, Trader Joes, Whole Foods), many coffee shops, and within a mile from Hillsboro Village and Harris Teeter. I am close enough to bike to school also. Other close by apartment complexes to look at (but that are more expensive) are Bell Hillsboro Village Apartments and The Grove, where many students live also.

Woodmont Terrace Apartments: It has 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. They actually also have townhouses which may be 2 or 3 bedroom, I'm not sure. Old buildings with a lot of charm. 24-hour onsite maintenance staff and any problems we ever had were fixed quickly without any hassle. There's a small fitness center and a pool. It's close the 12 South Neighborhood, Green Hills Mall, Green Hills YMCA and is less than 4 miles from campus. Would highly recommend people looking into living there. There was a good mix of Vanderbilt, Belmont, and Lipscomb students who lived there as well as adult couples, young professionals, etc. They don't allow pets. Plenty of parking. Loved living there.

I live in the **Grove apartments!** I really like the location (it is a five-minute drive from school and surrounded by trees and a park). Additionally, they offer complimentary printing 24/7, have a fitness room, have three pools, complimentary 24/7 maintenance staff, and free coffee/tea and chocolate chip cookies for residents during office hours!

I currently live at the **Grove Whitworth** and like it quite a bit. Parking is included and always available. Utilities add ~ \$100 to monthly rent. It is <10 minutes from school – good location in Nashville. There are sidewalks if you want to walk to school. It is a popular location for Vandy graduate students. It has a pool & small gym.

Bristol West End (located about 1 block from the football stadium) is a great place for students who are looking for a quiet, secure building close to campus. Rent usually includes a parking space in the covered garage. It isn't the cheapest place to live, but with the proximity to campus and the security, it makes the monthly rent well worth it. Owner usually rents the units, so it can be difficult to find them; however, I found mine listed on **Apartment Finder**. Places like **HotPads** and **Zillow** are great places for students to check too.

I'm a local pre-specialty student that lived in Nashville two years before beginning VUSN. Some recommendations I have are places on 8th Ave S/Franklin Pike (**Gale Lofts, The Melrose, 23Hundred**). They tend to run about \$100-300 cheaper than the same type of apartments that are found on 12th South, Green Hills, West End, the Gulch, etc., and they're still VERY close to Vanderbilt, Green Hills, and the 12th South neighborhood. I liked the area because I could get everywhere on backroads - to Green Hills and Vanderbilt in 7 minutes, interstates in under 10, 5-minute walk to 12th South where there's a new community center opening soon in Sevier Park and tons restaurants/fun stuff to do in the summer. I also think 8th Ave S is also an understated area that not many people think of when they're looking for a place to live. Since Nashville doesn't have the interstate infrastructure to handle itself, I really can't imagine living outside the city (Antioch, Franklin, etc.) AND being a full-time student. With the amount of work and time commitments of the program, I would hate having to sit in traffic for 45–60 minutes each morning and evening driving outside the city. I know several students do it so clearly it's doable, but it's definitely something for prospective students to consider since time is so valuable – although it may not seem that bad or one may be used to commuting far to and from work, having to handle that in graduate school is completely different.

I live in **Bell Hillsboro Village** off 21st Ave. located in Hillsboro Village area. It's a great complex, perfect location and young student community. Less than a mile to VUSN (15-20 min walk) or you can take the bus right up to the nursing school. Shops, restaurants & bars within 3 blocks. The complex has a great pool that many residents use, a business center where you can print free, and a small gym.

I think that anywhere in **Hillsboro Village** area is great! You are a twenty-minute walk to the school of nursing. There are great restaurants, boutiques, banks, coffee shops, and a frozen yogurt place all within walking distance. I lived in **Bell Hillsboro Village apartments** for 1.5 years and loved it! Great atmosphere has a pool and work out facility, computer lab with free printing, and security gates! I highly recommend this apartment complex!

I also think it is important to live in a neighborhood depending on what you find important. Living close to Vanderbilt is expensive, but convenient. I lived in **12South** for 2 years and loved it. I lived in **Sylvan Park** for 1 year. I now live **downtown**, and I like how I am in the middle of everything.

I live in a house with 4 other nursing students that we found on **Craigslist**. I moved here after living in the **Grove apartments** last year, because I didn't like being in the secluded location that the Grove is in. While it is relatively close to campus, it is not walking distance of anything. When finding our new house, one of the most important things to me was being in close proximity to places to study so that is something that I wish I had known ahead of time!

I lived in the **West End/Bowling Whitland** neighborhood and loved that it was 2-3 miles from school with easy bus access and in biking distance, close enough to the areas of town with entertainment and restaurants, but far enough out to feel more settled than the Vandy-area college scene.

If you want to avoid apartment complex living, **Sylvan Heights and Sylvan Park** area is excellent for those with children. Great neighborhood elementary and middle schools and very easy to get to Vanderbilt- and anything else you might need.

"The **Sylvan Park/Sylvan Heights** area is great! I knew I wanted to live close to Vanderbilt (within walking or biking distance) and stumbled upon these adjacent neighborhoods while house hunting. Sylvan Park is more established, Sylvan Heights is up-and-coming. Honestly, it's hard to know where one neighborhood ends and the other begins. Currently, I'm about 2 miles from campus, living in the upstairs of an old Victorian house in Sylvan Heights. From what I gather, rent is around \$700-1000 for a 2-bedroom place, and there are plenty of 3-bedroom options as well. The area is full of young professionals, students, professors, and families. During warm weather, bike lanes are filled with runners, walkers, and bikers. There's also a great farmer's market nearby on Charlotte Avenue that operates year-round. A popular street, Murphy Road, runs through Sylvan Park and is home to a small natural & local foods grocer, The Produce Place, as well a variety of tried-and-true restaurants such as The Local Taco and Star Bagel. A golf course and greenway are also embedded in Sylvan Park. Several trustworthy Laundromats are within the area, and I've always felt safe in the neighborhood. Truly, I can't think of a better place to live! Good luck finding a place and welcome to Nashville!"

I have a few suggestions for housing for next year's students:

1. **Sylvan Park** is a great area to live in if you have a family!
2. **Sylvan Park** is very close to school and easily bike able.
3. Craigslist works but **be careful!**

I live at **Royal Arms in Green Hills** approximately 3 miles from campus and right across from the mall. Rent is good. We have a 2 bedroom 2 bath 1225 sq. foot place and the total is 1025 (512.50 each, not including utilities). I absolutely recommend this place although I hear there is a waiting list.

I live in **Green Hills** near **Belmont Blvd**. I like this area bc it is a straight bike lane to Vanderbilt, which saves me on time and \$ for parking passes. (Plus is green & great for the planet!) I did my entire house searching on Craigslist -- there is really no better tool in Nashville. But, save yourself a lot of time and don't start corresponding w/ people on there until you are physically in Nashville to go and look at the place you're interested in that day. Rental Properties near Vanderbilt go like Hot Cakes, so get to Nashville early and secure a deal.

I live in an apartment building off **West End Av**, called **Artie Lee apartments**. It does not have a specific website since they are privately owned. Yet, I would recommend to the students to look at apartments off **Acklen Park Dr or 31st Av**,

because there is a plethora of nice apartments over here! I really love the area, and feel it is safe and within walking distance to campus.

I moved to Nashville from California without ever visiting the city, so I greatly appreciated the VUSN housing document. I used the Vanderbilt University off-campus housing site to find a townhouse in the West End Park area. It is located between 31st Ave and Murphy Road on West End Avenue. It is near the **Acklen apartment** building and **West End Village apartments**, but rent is only half of what they charge. There are tons of reasonably priced townhouses and apartments in this area - I highly recommend it! If you visit, I recommend driving around this area to look for "for rent" signs. There are usually several available spots in the area because many students live here. It is walking distance to campus (1 mile) and the location is great!

I currently live at **20 & Grand Apartments** off **21st Avenue**. It is a very safe building (apartment entries are indoors -- you must have key-fab to get in any entrance and a remote to get into the garage parking) with designated parking spaces (many of which are covered in a garage). It is a very clean and friendly environment and has work out facilities. Best of all, my building is actually closer to the School of Nursing than the commuter parking garage - it takes me about 5-7 minutes to WALK to VUSN. In addition, there are plenty of restaurants as well as CVS nearby, so I rarely have to drive.

Hope this helps... I am from Montana. I have found living a mile from campus to be wonderful. It takes me 20 min to walk to and from school. I enjoy the walk to start the morning and then to unwind at the end of the day. I do not walk in the summer, as it is too hot and humid. I take the bus then. I live one block from 21st and catch the bus there. The bus is free for students when you use your ID. This is good information, as I had to discover it. Driving can get crazy so living close to campus can be a time saver as well as decrease in gas cost and parking fees. An umbrella is a must as well as rain shoes if you plan to walk. If you live near campus, you will hear sirens and helicopters. I got use to this even though I am use to quiet country living. The apartments closer to campus are more expense but I find the convenience worth it. I live within walking distance of grocery store, shops, bank and school.

If students live in **Donelson, Hermitage, Mt. Juliet, Lebanon**, they can ride the train for \$1.81. I live in MT Juliet and I love it. On clinical days, I drive because the train does not come this early to be here on time @ 6:30 am. The tickets can be purchase at the round wing entrance in front of Starbucks.

When looking on various roommate/apartment websites, be sure to google a map of Nashville and know where the various communities are in relation to Vanderbilt University. I picked a place in **Hermitage** because the girl who is now my roommate said that it was 10 minutes from the school. However, she did NOT take into consideration the severity of traffic during the times that I travel to and from school (average drive time is 30 minutes to 1 hour depending on how early I leave home to get there and vice versa). Other than the drive time, I love Hermitage. It is much quieter, and I got more amenities for less money than I would have gotten had I lived right by the Vanderbilt campus.

I found my roommate on the Vanderbilt School of Nursing **Roommate Search Facebook Group**. After messaging a few girls, I was connected to my roommate and the entire transition was seamless. I live in the **Nippers Corner area of Brentwood** and love it here! It is a little bit of a drive to school, but the neighborhood that I live in is safe and very affordable--two of my top priorities.

I live in **Landmark at Winton Pointe near Nippers corner**. It's about 20 minutes from campus, but for a 2 bed 2 bath apt, my half of rent is only \$465. Gated, Safe, and clean apartments. The only downside is distance, but there's a Starbucks less than a mile away to study at and usually you're driving to class/clinical early enough to miss all of the rush hour traffic. Hope this helps!

I'd suggest to anyone moving to Nashville to remember that there will likely have to be a balance between distance from downtown/campus and rent. I tried to save money by living in **Antioch** for one year and found that I felt quite

disconnected from events and the like taking place downtown. I have found the **westside** to be quite nice and full of students though rents are on the high side. I know many people like **East Nashville**, but I was not able to find an affordable spot that I thought would be safe.

1. One thing I wished I had known earlier was about **Medical Campus Outreach (MCO)**. A Christian organization assists Vanderbilt and Meharry Medical and Nursing students in walking in faith through medical school. If Christians coming into the program are interested in rooming with other Christians in the program, they could contact MCO and see if any rooms in houses or apartments are available or if anyone is looking for a roommate. MCO Nashville website should give them a way to contact MCO via e-mail. "MCO is a community of Christian medical and nursing students who get together for Bible studies, prayer, food, discussion, and fun. We also participate in medical outreaches in Nashville and beyond. Go to www.mconashville.com for more information. To join the MCO email list, email us at mconashville@gmail.com.

2. I am in **12th South** area by Severe Park and find it takes 10 minutes (15-20 minutes if very bad traffic) to get to classes in the morning. I enjoy the area and there are sidewalks so it is a great place to walk/run, but recommend that each particular place is checked out before renting due to some areas are safer than others are even though they may be very close by each other. Kroger is about a 5-minute walk and Franklin Road Women's Health center is about 5 minutes as well. It is not far from Greenhill's mall or the outlets on Thompson road. Easy access to 65, Franklin Pike...Easy to get to and from the airport. 12th South has some good restaurants like Burger Up and Mafiozos Pizza and Frothy Monkey Coffee shop, etc. If interested in volunteering as a nurse at a clinic for uninsured-Siloam Family Health Center is right next to the Kroger. You are far enough from campus that you feel like you are not a part of college life or the hospital, but close enough to get there quickly for classes or the library. I personally am renting a house with 3 other girls.

3. If you want to be close to campus there are some nice apartments just below campus that you can walk to and from. The farther you get from campus, the cheaper the rent, but the longer the drive (especially because traffic can be very very bad during rush hour--so if you get farther out-you get a really nice place for a cheaper price, but are stuck in your car for a long commute due to traffic).

Other suggestions and something I wish I knew before moving:

Good places nearby to go for a hike/walk/jog/bike ride outside to get away from the city: Radnor Lake, Percy Warner Park, Edwin Warner Park, Cheekwood, and Natchez Trace Parkway.

HOTEL OPTIONS NEAR CAMPUS

If you are a distance student that comes to campus for a few days at a time or if you will be visiting Nashville to look for an apartment and need a hotel, the following hotels are near campus. Many of these hotels offer our nursing students special rates. You may also visit the **Vanderbilt University Visitor Travel Portal** at, <http://www.campustravel.com/university/vanderbilt/>.

Scarritt-Bennett Retreat & Conference Center* **1-615-340-7500**
1008 19th Av South, Nashville
<http://www.scarrittbennett.org/accomodations/rooms-rates/>

Rooms are available in their residence halls. They are dormitory style suites (shared bathroom) with single beds. The room rate is \$88.94 + tax, but once they have your VU picture ID on file, the rate is \$71.65 + tax (**rates are subject to change**). The rooms have internet access, but no television.

*This is a conference center and there are no front desk personnel on duty after normal business hours.

Embassy Suites – Nashville at Vanderbilt **1-615-320-8899**
1811 Broadway
www.nashvilleatvanderbilt.embsuites.com

They offer specially discounted rates for Vanderbilt's School of Nursing long distance students. Across the street from campus, fully equipped kitchens, complimentary full hot buffet breakfast daily, complimentary high speed wireless internet, on site fitness center & guest laundry, complimentary shuttle service within a 2-mile radius, indoor pool & outdoor patio and complimentary dinner reception Monday-Thursday.

Courtyard by Marriott Vanderbilt/West End **1-800-245-1959 or 1-615-327-9900**

1901 West End Av

www.marriott.com

Please contact the hotel directly for the Vanderbilt rates. Courtyard Vanderbilt is located at the base of Music Row and mere blocks from Vanderbilt University with complimentary shuttle service to all local venues. The hotel offers many full service hotel amenities. It is within walking distance to many restaurants with some providing room service to the hotel guests. Newly renovated guest rooms with deluxe bedding. Complimentary high speed wireless internet, work desk and comfortable office chair. Business center on site. Coffee maker, hairdryer, iron, ironing board, two phones and voicemail in every room. Outdoor pool, fitness center and laundry facilities are on site.

Extended Stay Hotel Vanderbilt

1-800-EXTSTAY or 1-615-383-7490

3311 West End Av

www.extendedstayhotels.com

Please contact the hotel directly for Vanderbilt rates. The rooms all have a kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, stovetop and dining and cooking utensils provided. Free wireless high-speed internet access. Free local phone calls and personalized voice mail. On site guest laundry and iron and full size ironing board in each room. It is about 2 miles from the School of Nursing.

Loews Vanderbilt Hotel

1-866-563-9792 or 1-615-320-1700

2100 West End Av

www.loewshotels.com

Please contact the hotel directly for best rates. Loews Vanderbilt hotel is a AAA 4-Diamond Award luxury hotel with newly designed and renovated guest rooms. This hotel is located across the street from Vanderbilt University and 2 miles from downtown. Hotel amenities include, internet access, in room refreshment centers & safes, CD players, 24 hour room service, morning newspaper, fitness center, business center and dry cleaning & laundry service.

SHOPPING MALLS

The Mall at Green Hills

<http://www.themallatgreenhills.com/>

2126 Abbott Martin Road
Nashville, TN 37215

About three miles south of Vanderbilt

Hill Center at Green Hills

<http://www.hillcentergreenhills.com/>

4039 Hillsboro Pike
Nashville, TN 37215

About three miles south of Vanderbilt

Cool Springs Galleria

<http://www.coolspringsgalleria.com/>

1800 Galleria Blvd
Franklin, TN 37067

About 15 miles south of Vanderbilt

Rivergate Mall

<http://www.rivergate-mall.com/>

1000 Two Mile Parkway
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

About 15 miles northeast of Vanderbilt

BANKS NEAR VANDERBILT

Regions Bank – Hillsboro

www.regions.com

1604 21st Avenue S
Nashville, TN 37212
(615) 748-2401

Bank of America

www.bankofamerica.com

2121 Blakemore Av
Nashville, TN 37212
615-291-2890

First Tennessee Bank

www.firsttennessee.com

2306 21st Avenue S
Nashville, TN 37212
(615) 292-2255

SunTrust – Hillsboro Village

www.suntrust.com

1605 21st Avenue S
Nashville, TN 37212-3103
(615) 340-0248

US Bank

www.usbank.com

1711 Broadway
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 742-6365

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