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** (Available February 1st)
Please bookmark this website. Updates will be posted on the 1st and the 15th of the month. [https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/students/admitted/index.php](https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/students/admitted/index.php) Your specialty specific fall schedule will be posted on this page by May 1st.

**New Student Orientation**
Students in each MSN specialty program **must** attend orientation on-site on August 21 and 22. During orientation you will meet with your faculty adviser and receive computer assistance.

**Schedule**
Each specialty has a unique schedule. Most specialties are offered in the modified, blended format which includes blocks of face-to-face classes on campus, along with on-line learning. Other specialties may require weekly on-campus classes. For those who are in Nashville for only for short blocks of times, many area hotels offer our students discounted room rates for the blocks.

**Technology Requirements**
Please review requirements found at [https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/index.php](https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/index.php) All students need to have an up-to-date computer with high speed Internet access. We also request that you have a smartphone by the time you start clinical rotations. Requirements vary somewhat by specialty [https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/techrequirements.php](https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/techrequirements.php) Further information about technology and other learning resources will be presented during new student orientation in August.

**New Student Requirements, Textbook, Equipment and Uniform Requirements**
All full-time and part-time students must complete a background check, submit immunizations, CPR certification, health insurance and RN License as outlined on the Admitted Students website. These requirements must be uploaded by July 15, 2017. You will not be allowed to begin classes until all requirements are met. Questions concerning these requirements may be directed to Lisa Boyer at lisa.boyer@vanderbilt.edu.

Required textbook and equipment information will be posted on the Admitted Students web page by specialty in July.

Information about required dress for clinical will be reviewed at orientation. Many specialties require a white, thigh length lab coat and a VUSN patch. These may be purchased from the
VUSN Graduate Nursing Council. More information about lab coats and VUSN patches will be provided to you by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs prior to Fall semester.

Module Requirements
There will be several online learning modules which must be completed prior to starting classes. More information on these requirements will be posted on the Admitted Students webpage.

Clinical Placement
An important part of your education is your clinical practica. Due to a limited number of local placements available, students admitted with a distant placement preference cannot switch to a local placement preference. Clinical sites are secured in a number of ways. You will work with the clinical placement office, your specialty director and faculty to obtain a clinical site. If you are outside the local area, your participation in this process is critical. 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 or availability of a preceptor, we may not be able to fulfill your location of choice. State specific requirements are found at https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/regulations.php. You will hear more about clinical placement during orientation.

Important dates for Fall 2017 semester
Mandatory student orientation: August 21 and 22
First day of class: Wednesday, August 23
   Please check the class schedule for your specialty to confirm your first day of class and fall schedule. These schedule will be available on May 1.

Important contact information
New student orientation or other student services:
   Sarah Ramsey, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, sarah.ramsey@vanderbilt.edu
Financial Aid information:
   Kristie Smith, Director of Student Financial Services, kristie.l.smith@vanderbilt.edu
New Student Requirements:
   Lisa Boyer, Compliance Officer, Lisa.boyer@vanderbilt.edu
Registration information:
   Sara Donahoe, Assistant University Registrar sara.a.donahoe@vanderbilt.edu. Note: You will receive registration information in June.