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Dear New Nursing Student:

Welcome to Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. We at the Frist Nursing Informatics Center (FNIC) will be supporting you in your use of technology while you are a student here.

Over the past decades the role of technology in nursing education has reached to every corner of student, staff, and faculty activity – from school, to home, to office, to the field, and even to the coffee shop. We expect much of you in terms of preparation for the use of technology that you will encounter and need while in school and in your career as an advanced practice nurse and community leader. As evidenced by the details in our [Technology Overview](#) and [Program Technology Requirements](#) Web pages, you have much to do in the days ahead to reach readiness. However, we pledge to dedicate ourselves to your endeavor and to support your required use of technology. We also pledge to manage our resources so that there is a reasonable balance of costs and benefits for you.

We are very proud of the expertise and commitment of our technology support staff, especially their commitment to serving students. No single person among our thirty team members knows all of the answers. But we will seek better ways of doing things and listen to your concerns and problems to find solutions in collaboration with our staff, our partners at Vanderbilt University campus technology support, and among our valued outside vendors and consultants. We will find you an answer if you ask. Please ask. But also, please share your own growing expertise in technology with your peers. We will all help one another.

You will find additional information about technology at VUSN by visiting the Tech knowledge base link located on the VUSN Website at <https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/knowledge-base/>.

It is important that you see computing as an essential tool in advanced-practice nursing – a tool that you can master and enjoy. We hope you devote time to preparing for the advancement of your nursing education. We are sure that you will view the investment as worthwhile.

The staff and faculty of the FNIC look forward to working with you. Should you encounter difficulties in connection with the technology recommendations made on our Web pages, or need additional information or clarification, please contact Ryan McNew at ryan.mcnew@vanderbilt.edu.

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