

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING
M.S.N. STUDENT HANDBOOK
2014-2015

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear Students,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, I am pleased to welcome all new and continuing students. We expect that your student experience at Vanderbilt will be filled with many diverse and exciting opportunities for both professional and personal growth. Opportunities for advanced practice nurses in health care are changing faster now than ever before and we expect to see our graduates as leaders in creating changes to increase access, increase quality and decrease costs for patients and systems.

I hope you will find this Student Handbook a valuable resource in addressing your questions and concerns as a VUSN student. It is essential that you familiarize yourself with our policies and procedures and use this for general information about the School and the Vanderbilt University community.

You have my very best wishes for a successful and enjoyable year.

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Dean
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

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MISSION STATEMENT AND SHORT HISTORY

As one of the University's professional schools, the mission of the School of Nursing is to develop, structure, and communicate the discipline of nursing by its commitment to the conduct of inquiry, research, scholarship, education of students, and the practice of professional nursing.

The Vanderbilt University School of Nursing opened in 1909, offering a three-year diploma program in nursing. The first Bachelor of Science degree was awarded in 1936, and first Masters degree in nursing in 1958. The School of Nursing is one of the nation's first nursing programs to incorporate nursing into a liberal arts degree. Having phased out its undergraduate degree program in 1989, the School now offers a curriculum that enables pre-specialty students from diverse backgrounds to move into the master's level of study and prepare for careers in advanced practice nursing. Currently, "U.S. News and World Report" ranks the Vanderbilt School of Nursing in the Top 20 Schools of Nursing in the country.

ACCREDITATION

The school is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing. Vanderbilt School of Nursing was a charter member of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing, which later was incorporated into the National League for Nursing (NLN). The M.S.N. is accredited by the ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing) formerly (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NW, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; telephone: (404) 975-5000. The D.N.P. program is accredited by ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing), formerly NLNAC. The Nurse-Midwifery program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (formerly ACNM Division of Accreditation). For information: 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6374; telephone: (240) 485-1800; fax: (240) 485-1818; email: info@acnm.org; Web: midwife.org. The U.S. Department of Education is located at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-0498; telephone: (800) USA-LEARN (800-872-5327). The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is located at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033; telephone: (404) 679-4500; Web: sacs.org.

MASTER'S PROGRAM

Students enter the VUSN Master's Degree program in one of the following categories:

Pre-Specialty: Applicants with an undergraduate or graduate degree in a field other than nursing may complete the program in six semesters of full-time study: three semesters of upper division (200-level) generalist pre-specialty nursing courses (that do not end in a B.S.N.-equivalent

degree, but move to the M.S.N. program) and three semesters of the specialty master's component (300-level).*

A.S.N. to M.S.N.: These applicants are already registered nurses from Associate Degree and Diploma programs. They take two semesters of generalist R.N. pre-specialty nursing courses (tailored to R.N.s) and three semesters of the specialty master's component.

B.S.N. to M.S.N.: Applicants with a B.S.N. degree can complete the M.S.N. degree in three semesters of fulltime study. * They enter directly into the specialty master's component of the M.S.N. program. The M.S.N. degree is granted on the basis of completion of a minimum of 39 credit hours.

*some master's specialties are longer than three semesters

Post-Master's Certificate Option: Applicants who have already earned a Master's of Science in Nursing may enter any specialty to earn credits toward a certificate of completion in that specialty. This is a certificate program and does not lead to an academic degree from Vanderbilt.

Joint M.S.N./M.T.S. and M.S.N./M.Div. Programs: The M.S.N./M.T.S., and M.S.N./M.Div. degrees represent the Master of Science in Nursing, the Master of Theological Studies, and the Master of Divinity. These joint degrees provide the potential to attract outstanding students to both schools and will benefit both schools, encouraging interdisciplinary work and intra-school collaboration.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCHOOL

The School of Nursing is committed to freedom of inquiry into the national, social, and human orders of existence, and to stating the conclusions of that inquiry. The School of Nursing fosters excellence in both scholarship and service; a liberal education must concern the whole person. The curriculum requires both liberal arts and professional courses.

The central concepts of our profession are person, environment, health, and nursing. These four concepts interact and serve as the basis for the practice of nursing.

Each person is unique, with intrinsic worth and dignity. Human beings are whole persons, with interacting and interdependent physical structures, minds, and spirits. The environment consists of all conditions, circumstances, and influences that exist outside the boundaries of one's social system. An intimate relationship exists between the constantly changing environment and the person. The environment in which we live determines, to a degree, lifestyle and state of health. Development of the individual occurs throughout life within a pluralistic and culturally diverse society.

Health is a dynamic state of being in which the developmental and behavioral potential of an individual is realized to the fullest extent possible. Individuals have the right to pursue that level of health perceived by them to be optimal, taking into account their social and cultural definition of health. The level of health that individuals can attain is directly influenced by the level of health of the families and communities of which they are a part.

Nursing is a professional discipline that seeks to understand phenomena and predict circumstances that affect the health of individuals, families, groups, and communities. The discipline of nursing encompasses science, ethics, politics, and the heritage of nursing. The central focus of the discipline is the diagnosis and treatment of individuals, families, and groups as they respond to actual or potential health problems. The practice of nursing is an art and a science used to help individuals improve their health potential.

The profession of nursing builds on a liberal education, and a university provides the best possible environment for this kind of education. A liberal education includes fine arts and humanities as well as social, biological, and physical sciences. The synthesis of knowledge from these disciplines, as well as from nursing, will enhance the ability of nurses to understand self, relationships with others, the nature of communities, other cultures, the physical world, current issues, and human values.

The study of diverse disciplines contributes to the ability to think analytically, reason logically, and communicate effectively. Students are expected to continue growing in their intellectual and communication skills, using their liberal education to deepen their understanding of nursing and health. University-wide interdisciplinary activities are actively sought for the intellectual exchange and stimulation they provide.

The purpose of the graduate education in nursing is to prepare students for advanced practice roles, including nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, nurse informaticist, and nurse manager. At the master's level, graduate study provides the opportunity for in-depth theoretical knowledge, the basis for advanced clinical practice. Students acquire research skills and a deeper knowledge of their nursing specialty.

Graduate education provides students the knowledge and skills for planning and initiating change in a health care system. For potential members of interdisciplinary health care management teams, the focus is on advanced patient care skills that will provide leadership and will influence nursing organizations within a variety of health care settings. It is acknowledged that preparation for the nurse educator role requires education beyond the master's degree.

The first professional degree in nursing at Vanderbilt is specialty-related and offered on the graduate level. The increase in knowledge and scope of nursing responsibilities, as well as changes in roles, functions, and practice settings, requires a post-baccalaureate nursing

education that is built on a rich undergraduate liberal education base and a baccalaureate in nursing or its equivalent.

The nursing program leading to the M.S.N. at Vanderbilt constitutes an arena for excellence in nursing practice, as well as a forum for discussion and analysis of issues that affect health care, consumers, the nursing profession, and society. The program is based on a variety of cognitive styles, life experiences, and professional backgrounds, and its flexibility allows all students to achieve the same goals through different options.

ORGANIZING FRAMEWORK OF THE M.S.N. PROGRAM

Course sequencing in the M.S.N. program is designed to move students from (a) basic to advanced knowledge and skill levels, (b) less complex to more complex practice situations, and (c) generalist to specialist role preparation. Course objectives include content in the three learning domains: cognitive, affective, and psychomotor, appropriately progressed in each taxonomy.

The curriculum design has three components: prerequisite liberal education requirements, generalist nursing courses, and specialist nursing courses. The prerequisite liberal education requirements assist the student in acquiring basic knowledge and understanding of the human being, culture, environment, and health through the study of the arts, humanities, and social, biological, and physical sciences. This basic knowledge is applied to the study of nursing in the nursing components of the curriculum.

The Pre-Specialty components of the curriculum consist of clinical and non-clinical courses that contain nursing practice and discipline content at the generalist level. Clinical experiences focus on situations that reflect an understanding of the nursing process and the nursing paradigm in health promotion and maintenance, illness care, and rehabilitation. The theoretical basis for practice is presented in the classroom and provides the scientific knowledge base needed to diagnose and treat human responses to actual or potential health problems. Non-clinical courses focus on the discipline of nursing in the areas of ethics, economics, politics, legal issues, and the heritage of nursing. Completion of the generalist curriculum meets the Tennessee Board of Nursing requirements for R.N. licensure. The sequencing of the R.N. Pre-Specialty nursing courses builds on the competencies mastered in their prior nursing education programs and is delivered in a concentrated, flexible format.

The specialist component of the curriculum is divided into four segments: evidence-based practice, health care leadership, specialty courses, and electives. Evidence-based practice courses focus on research methods, scientific inquiry, examination of conceptual models and theories in the development of nursing, and analysis and synthesis of evidence for translation into practice. Specialty courses focus on advanced knowledge and skills in a given specialty area

to equip graduates to function in complex situations and advanced practice roles, including those of nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, nurse informaticist, and nurse manager. Electives provide the opportunity to select course work that complements the student's individual career goals.

PROGRAM GOALS

The goals of the M.S.N. program are to prepare:

1. Students for advanced practice roles, including nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, nurse informaticists, and nurse managers who have expertise and advanced knowledge in a specialty area and can function in complex situations either independently or collaboratively with health care team members;
2. Seekers of new knowledge by means of critical thinking, creative reasoning, and scientific investigation in relation to nursing practice and nursing science;
3. Disseminators of nursing knowledge and research to consumers and professionals;
4. Leaders capable of determining effective strategies that stimulate change within the profession and that lead to a more effective management of the health care delivery system;
5. Decision-makers who utilize advanced knowledge and consider ethical principles in serving the needs of individuals and society; and
6. Students who possess the foundation for doctoral education.

All students are expected to meet the above program goals whether they enter the M.S.N. program with a B.S.N. or with a degree other than nursing. Students who must complete the Pre-Specialty component of the program, however, must also meet transitional objectives upon completion of the three semesters of Pre-Specialty nursing courses.

TRANSITIONAL OBJECTIVES

On completion of the Pre-Specialty generalist courses, students will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from nursing, the humanities, and the biophysical and social sciences into the practice of professional nursing.
2. Demonstrate skills in critical thinking, decision making, information management, and use of the nursing process with individuals, families, and groups experiencing complex health problems.
3. Evaluate usefulness of research findings and apply them to professional nursing practice.
4. Teach and counsel individuals, families, communities, and other groups about health, illness, and health-seeking behaviors.

5. Provide health care to culturally diverse populations in a variety of environments, both independently and in collaboration with other health care team members.
6. Demonstrate leadership qualities in addressing professional nursing and health issues.
7. Demonstrate accountability for decisions about nursing practice.
8. Demonstrate awareness of the historical and current aspects of economic, political, legal, and ethical issues related to health care in society.
9. Demonstrate awareness of nursing within the Health Care system.

ADVANCED PRACTICE SPECIALTY AREAS

Specialty	Specialty Director
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	Dr. Joan E. King
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	Dr. Leslie Hopkins
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner: Emergency Care Focus	Dr. Jennifer Wilbeck
Family Nurse Practitioner	Dr. Geri Reeves
Health Care Leadership	Dr. Kelly Wolgast
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	Dr. Karen D'Apolito
Nurse-Midwifery	Dr. Michelle Collins
Nurse-Midwifery/Family Nurse Practitioner	Dr. Michelle Collins
	Dr. Geri Reeves
Nursing Informatics	Dr. Patricia Trangenstein
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care	Dr. Sheree Allen
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care	Dr. Terry Witherington
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-Family	Dr. Rene Love
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	Dr. Ginny Moore (interim)
Women's Health/ Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	Dr. Leslie Hopkins
	Dr. Ginny Moore (interim)

DOCTORAL STUDIES

The D.N.P. (Doctorate in Nursing Practice): The D.N.P. program in the School of Nursing prepares practice scholars as leaders in translating evidence-based knowledge into clinical practice, improving health care outcomes, and strengthening nursing management and education within public and private organizations. Successful applicants to the program are those whose previous academic performance, written goal and practice inquiry statements and letters of recommendation match the School's philosophy and faculty expertise. Nurses prepared in practice doctoral programs have a blend of clinical, organizational, economic, and leadership skills to enable them to critique nursing and other clinical scientific findings and design programs of care delivery that are locally acceptable, economically feasible, and have significant impact on health care outcomes. Dr. Terri Donaldson is the director of the D.N.P. program.

The Ph.D. in Nursing Science (offered by the Graduate School): This program is designed for individuals who hold graduate degrees in nursing and wish to pursue scientific careers in nursing. Areas of concentration in the doctoral program include the study of individual, family, and community responses to health and illness across the life span and the outcomes of care delivery practice. These areas of study are reflective of the research interests and expertise of the School of Nursing faculty members and the resources available in the Medical Center and the University. Dr. Ann Minnick is the Director of the Ph.D. program.

LOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Dean of the School of Nursing	Linda Norman	110 Godchaux
Senior Associate Dean for Academics	Mavis Schorn	215 Godchaux
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical & Community Partnerships	Bonnie Pilon	1024-C 18 th Ave. S.
Senior Associate Dean for Research	Ann Minnick	415 Godchaux
Senior Associate Dean for Informatics	Betsy Weiner	260 Frist Hall
Senior Associate Dean for Administration and Operations	Becky Keck	105 Godchaux
Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management	Paddy Peerman	210 Godchaux
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs	Sarah Ramsey	217 Godchaux
Assistant Dean for Cultural Diversity and Inclusion	Jana Lauderdale	218 Godchaux
Assistant Dean for Clinical Community Partnerships	Terry Crutcher	1024-C 18 th Ave. S.
Assistant Dean for Faculty Practice	Clare Thomson-Smith	A-1222MCN
Assistant Dean for Educational Informatics	Jerry Murley	272 Frist Hall
Center for Research Development & Scholarship	Ann Minnick	415 Godchaux
Office of Clinical Placement	LeeAnn Ruderer	223 Godchaux
Office of VUSN Financial Services	Kristie Smith	212 Godchaux
Office of VUSN Registrar	Logan Key	211 Godchaux

Most Faculty offices are located on the 2nd and 3rd floors of Frist Hall, and the 2nd through 6th floors of Godchaux Hall.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Students may reserve space for meetings in Godchaux Hall, the Annex, and Frist Hall by contacting Ellen Smogur via e-mail at ellen.smogur@vanderbilt.edu or at (615) 322-4400.

VUSN ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015

<u>Fall Semester 2014</u>	
August 13, 14, 15 (Wed – Fri)	M.S.N. Pre-Specialty Level New Student Orientation
August 13, 14 (Wed – Thurs)	A.D.N.-M.S.N. Level New Student Orientation
August 18 (Mon)	M.S.N. Pre-Specialty Level courses begin (N200 level classes)
August 18, 19 (Mon – Tues)	M.S.N. Specialty Level Orientation (B.S.N. and M.S.N. entry)
August 18 (Mon)	M.S.N. Health Care Leadership courses begin
August 19 (Tues)	Orientation for M.S.N. students progressing to the M.S.N. Specialty Level (afternoon only)
August 20 (Wed)	M.S.N. Specialty Level courses begin (N300 level classes) <i>Note: Please check the class schedule for your specialty to confirm your first day of class.</i>
August 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 (Mon – Fri)	Ph.D. and D.N.P. Student Orientation and Intensive
September 1 (Mon)	Labor Day holiday – No VUSN classes held
October 11 (Sat)	M.S.N., D.N.P., and Ph.D. Fall Open House
November 22-30 (Sat – Sun)	Thanksgiving Break – No VUSN classes held
December 5 (Fri)	Last day of classes for all students
December 8, 9, 10 (Mon – Wed)	Final exams
December 12 (Fri)	December Pinning Ceremony
<u>Spring Semester 2015</u>	
January 5 (Mon)	First day of Spring semester for M.S.N. Pre-Specialty Level & M.S.N. Specialty Level courses (N200, N300 level classes)
January 12-16 (Mon – Fri)	Ph.D. Intensive
January 12-15 (Mon – Thurs)	D.N.P. Intensive
January 19 (Mon)	MLK holiday – No VUSN classes held
February 28-March 8 (Sat – Sun)	Spring Break
February 28 (Sat)	M.S.N., D.N.P., and Ph.D. Spring Open House
April 17 (Fri)	Classes end
April 20, 21, 22 (Mon – Wed)	Final Exams
<i>NOTE: M.S.N. Pre-Specialty Clinical continues during the week of final exams</i>	
<u>Summer Semester 2015</u>	
April 27 (Mon)	First Day of Summer Semester for M.S.N. Specialty Level Students (N300 level classes) <i>Note: Please check the class schedule for your specialty to confirm your first day of class.</i>
May 4 (Mon)	M.S.N. Pre-Specialty Level courses begin (N200 level classes)
May 4, 5, 6, 7 (Mon – Thurs)	Ph.D. and D.N.P. Intensive
May 7 (Thurs)	May Pinning Ceremony
May 8 (Fri)	Commencement
May 25 (Mon)	Memorial Day holiday – No VUSN classes held
July 4 (Sat)	July 4 holiday – No VUSN classes held
July 31 (Fri)	Classes end for all students
August 2 (Sun)	August Pinning Ceremony

VUSN: ACADEMIC POLICIES AND NEW STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Good Academic Standing: Good academic standing is defined as both a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and no grade below C in a didactic course, and no grade below B in a course with a clinical or practice component.

Academic Standing may also be altered by failure to maintain up-to-date documentation of requirements in the Student Immunization Tracker or by unlawful conduct during enrollment.

Completion of Program: Students admitted to the M.S.N. program through the pre-specialty component must complete all pre-specialty courses within two calendar years and the specialty curriculum within three calendar years. Leaves of absence are counted in this time frame.

Grading System: All work is graded by letters, interpreted as follows.

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Quality Points
A+	97-100	4
A	93-96	4
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.7
F	69 or below	0

All F grades are counted in the computation of grade point ratios, unless the student repeats the course and earns a passing grade.

M: Missing a final examination: The designation of M is given to a student absent from the final examination who has communicated with the instructor about the absence in advance. The grade F is given if the student could not have passed the course even by passing the final examination or if the instructor was not notified. The final examination must be taken at a time designated by the instructor. The grade M must be removed in the next semester or the grade automatically will be converted to an F.

I: Incomplete: Students for whom an extension has been authorized receive the grade I, which stands until the work has been made up. The course coordinator or instructor who authorizes the extension confers with the student to establish a final time limit for completion of the missing work. Copies of the agreement are given to the student, the instructor, and the registrar of the School of Nursing. The grade I must be removed in the next semester or the grade automatically will be converted to an F.

I: Incomplete in Clinical Course: Students receiving a grade of I in a clinical course must register for zero hours of NURS 3000 – Clinical Continuation. Tuition is charged at a rate of 0.5 credit hours plus the liability insurance fee.

Late Work: Essays, book reviews, papers, laboratory reports, etc. must be turned in no later than the last day a particular class meets or earlier if so specified by the instructor. The grade for work not done in compliance with this schedule is zero unless an extension has been granted. The student must present a petition for an extension to the course coordinator or instructor at least one day before the work is due, and the petition must be endorsed by the instructor.

Changing/Dropping a Course: The first five class days of the semester are allocated for necessary changes of course. Courses may be dropped without entry in the final record within two weeks of the first day of classes. Courses may be dropped only after consultation with the student's adviser and the course instructor. Dropping a course may affect the sequencing of the program of study and may change the student's expected date of completion of the course work.

Withdrawing from a Course: Students may withdraw from courses and receive the grade W (withdrawal) according to VUSN policy. For nursing courses, the student will receive the grade W (withdrawal) if less than half of the course has elapsed. Students may not withdraw from a course after the course is half completed. A student must be in good academic standing to be eligible to withdraw from a course.

Repeat Courses: Students enrolled in the M.S.N. program may repeat a course only with the permission of the M.S.N. Student Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee (SAAA).

A course taken in the School of Nursing may not be repeated outside the school for credit toward the degree.

Nursing courses may be repeated only once.

Students who do not earn at least a B in a course with a practicum component must repeat that course. Students may repeat only one course one time. If a student makes below the required grade (B- for courses with a practicum component, C- for didactic courses) in the

repeated course, the student will be dismissed. Courses taken for a letter grade may not be repeated on a Pass-Fail basis, nor may a grade indicating withdrawal or incomplete work be counted in place of a letter grade. Only the latest grade counts in calculation of the grade point average and progress toward a degree.

C Grade Policy: Once C grade in a non-clinical course will be permitted at each level of study (pre-specialty or specialty year). A second C in a non-clinical course, at the same level (pre-specialty or specialty year) would require that the course be repeated. In the case of two C grades in non-clinical courses in the same semester, the Program/Level Director, in collaboration with SAAA, will determine which course is to be repeated. In the case of more than two non-clinical C grades in the same semester, the student's record will be reviewed by SAAA as currently stated in policies and procedures. A student may repeat one course, one time due to a C grade. If after repeating a course for a C grade, the student receives another C in the same level, the student will be dismissed. The current policies for maintaining a 3.0 GPA, clinical course grades, and D and F grades will remain in place.

Probation: Students are expected to maintain a 3.0 grade point average each semester. The academic performance of students is reviewed at the end of each semester. Students are placed on academic probation unless they earn a 3.0 average each semester. A student who is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree will be dismissed if improvement is judged to be unlikely.

A student may be placed on probation only once during the entire program of study. If the student's record in another semester warrants probation, the student will be dismissed. A student who is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree may be dismissed from the School of Nursing or may be advised to go on a leave of absence or withdraw. When a student is placed on probation, letters are sent to the student, the student's adviser, and the program director.

If a student cannot improve his or her grade point average because the needed course cannot be repeated in the following semester, the student will be continued on probation if satisfactory completion of the course will give the student a 3.0 grade point average.

As the School of Nursing is a professional school, the faculty may, for the purposes of evaluation, render opinion on the student's total ability. A student's promotion in the program is determined by the M.S.N. Student Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee at the end of each semester. The committee, on the recommendation of the student's instructors, program director, and/or academic adviser, promotes only those students who have demonstrated personal, professional, and intellectual achievement consistent with faculty expectations at the student's particular stage of professional development. Students who are deficient in a major area or areas will be required to repeat course/clinical work or to complete additional efforts

satisfactorily in order to remedy deficiencies. Students deficient in a major undertaking or who demonstrate marginal performance in a major portion of their work will be dismissed.

Readmission: A student who has been dismissed or has withdrawn from the program may apply to the M.S.N. Student Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee for readmission after an intervening period of not less than one semester. The committee will consider such cases on presentation of substantial evidence of a responsible and successful period of work or study during the intervening period. A former student having successfully completed a tour of duty in the armed forces will be classified in this category. There is no guarantee, however, that a student will be readmitted. This will depend on (a) the faculty's evaluation of the likelihood of the applicant's successful performance in succeeding work; (b) the competition of other applicants; and (c) class space available.

A student readmitted after having been advised to withdraw or after having been suspended or dropped is on probation during the first semester back in residence.

Any VUSN student (includes full & part-time students) who completed a background check through Certified Background but had a break in enrollment, including a deferral or leave of absence, must submit information for a new background check through www.CertifiedBackground.com using package code, VAI4bc, upon return. Follow the 'Order Now' Students link on the Certified Background homepage.

Progression: Most required nursing courses are sequential, and a student who fails to pass such a course cannot progress in the nursing curriculum. A student seeking a waiver of this policy must submit a written request to the M.S.N. Student Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee for an exception to the rule.

Students must earn a B- in any course with a clinical component. If a student earns less than a B-, the course must be repeated and the student will not be able to progress in the clinical sequence until a B- grade is earned.

To progress from the pre-specialty component to the specialist nursing component, students must (a) complete 43 hours of the generalist component with at least a C- in each didactic course and a B- in each clinical course, and (b) earn at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. However, see "C Grade Policy" on page 19.

Students who earn less than a C- in 395, 399a, and 399b may not enroll in the final specialty practicum until 395, 399a, and 399b have been successfully repeated. However, see "C Grade Policy" on page 19.

Students must hold an active Tennessee nursing license or valid license in a compact state in order to begin a 300-level clinical course.

Student Complaint and Grievance Procedure: Faculty members welcome the opportunity to work closely with students to facilitate learning and assist in meeting course objectives. The student should first discuss any concerns regarding an instructor or a course with the instructor involved. If further discussion is needed, the student should contact the course coordinator and then the level or specialty director. If the problem still persists, the student should make an appointment with Mavis Schorn, Senior Associate Dean for Academics. Prior to the appointment with Dean Schorn, the student should bring a written statement of the problem or grievance. If the problem is still unresolved, the student should contact Dean Linda Norman for assistance.

Students enrolled in distance education programs offered by Vanderbilt University in other states should seek resolution for complaints through Vanderbilt's complaint procedure. Distance education students may also contact the appropriate authority in their state of residence. For further information please visit

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/provost/home/vanderbilt-university-distance-education-complaint-and-grievance-procedures-2/>

Withdrawal from the University: Students planning to withdraw from the University should contact the Registrar or the Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management in the School of Nursing to initiate proper procedures.

NEW STUDENT REQUIREMENTS: Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Background Check Requirement: Upon acceptance, students entering the M.S.N. degree or Post-Master's Certificate program must complete a background check through Certified Background using the code provided on page 22. Enrollment is contingent upon satisfactory evaluation of the results of the background check. Special students, who are only enrolled in one course and are not seeking a degree from the School of Nursing, are not required to complete a background check or the new student requirements unless they apply and are admitted to the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing.

Disclosure of offenses post-background check completion: Current VUSN students (includes full and part-time students) are required to immediately report to their Faculty Advisor and the Senior Associate Dean for Academics any arrest, criminal charge or conviction occurring after his or her background check has been completed. Required disclosure also includes but is not limited to; allegations, investigations and/or disciplinary action from any licensing board or agency included under the Nationwide Health Care Fraud and Abuse scan; Office of Inspector General (OIG), General Services Administration (GSA), FDA Debarment Check, Office of

Regulatory Affairs (ORA), Office of Research Integrity (ORI), and Medicare and Medicaid Sanctions.

Immunization and Certification Requirements: Students accepted to the M.S.N. or Post Master's Certificate programs are required to complete the new student immunization/certification requirements outlined below through www.CertifiedBackground.com (Initiated by proper code below.)

Please Note: If the student fails to provide documentation of requirements, she/he will not be allowed to begin/continue clinical course work and/or register for additional courses.

How to meet necessary requirements:

- I. Student Background Check and submitting requirements:
 - a. Go to www.CertifiedBackground.com (This should not be completed more than 3 months prior to student orientation)
 - b. M.S.N. degree and Post Master's Certificate students enter package code:
VAI4bgt
 - c. Enter payment information – Visa, MasterCard (credit or debit), or money order mailed to Certified Background (NOTE: there is a processing fee for money orders). The student should follow online instructions to complete the order.

Upon completion of the background check, the student will be directed to complete the “student requirements” which requires submission of the following documentation prior to orientation. Options are to email, scan, fax or mail all required documentation (information provided on website). Dates must be clearly visible on the student's documentation. Forms indicated below are available in your Certified Background account.

2. Physical Exam: Within six months of acceptance to the program, authenticated by an MD, APN or PA, documenting evidence of good physical and mental health. Use the 'Health Questionnaire' form available on www.CertifiedBackground.com.
3. Measles, Mumps, Rubella: Two (2) MMR vaccines OR lab evidence of immunity (positive titers) for Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella.
4. Varicella: Two (2) Varicella vaccines given 28 days apart OR lab evidence of varicella immunity (positive titer).
5. Hepatitis B: Proof of immunity (positive surface antibodies 10 or greater). Students who have not completed the 3-part series OR those who decline to receive the immunization must sign the Hepatitis B Waiver form.
6. Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap): Documentation of vaccination within last ten years.

7. Initial two-step tuberculin skin test (injections placed 1-3 weeks apart).
 - a. If both readings are negative, repeat 1-step TB annually
 - b. If positive, medical evaluation and documentation of a clear chest x-ray within 1 year of admission to VUSN and annual completion of the 'Annual Past-Positive TB Screening' form confirming the absence of symptoms by a MD, NP, or PA. If there is evidence of a positive chest x-ray and/or symptoms of TB, the student must follow-up with a medical evaluation.
8. Influenza: 1 dose of TIV (trivalent) or LAIV (live attenuated) annual vaccination (highly recommended) OR sign waiver to decline seasonal flu vaccine. Please note - many clinical agencies are requiring evidence of annual vaccination or the wearing of a mask during flu season.
9. Current health insurance coverage either through the university insurance plan or by another policy. For more information on the student health insurance visit: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health/student-health-insurance. Health insurance is required of all students by Vanderbilt University. Clinical sites also require that students have health insurance to cover any illness or injury that may incur during the clinical training experience.
10. Current **CPR certification** for adult, child, and infant. Vanderbilt accepts only American Heart Association (AHA) BLS for the Healthcare Provider cards. Additional CPR certifications may be required by specialty.
11. Copy of an unencumbered Registered Nurse's license in the state(s) where the student will be doing clinical training, *practica*, or *research*. In addition, D.N.P. students must have Advance Practice Registered Nurse (A.P.R.N.) designation in their home state or equivalent and national board certification in their area of specialty as appropriate.
12. HIPAA & OSHA Safety Training: This is required annual training. Additional training may be required for particular sites. Instructions for accessing and completing the training will be emailed to your Vanderbilt account in mid- August.

The student should be aware that some clinical sites may require additional immunizations and/or blood titers, drug screening, or additional criminal background checks. The immunizations and titers can be done at Student Health http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health/ once enrolled. If the student plans to use Student Health, they should call (615) 322-2427 to schedule an appointment. The student should bring a copy of their 'Health Questionnaire' form and any required documentation to the appointment. Students will be responsible for all charges incurred in order to meet clinical site requirements.

Due to certain restrictions, **VUSN is not able to accommodate clinical placements in all locations.** Please check with the placement office.

CURRENT STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Disclosure of offenses post-background check completion:

Current VUSN students (includes full & part-time students) are required to immediately report to their Faculty Advisor and the Senior Associate Dean for Academics any arrest, criminal charge or conviction occurring after his or her background check has been completed. Required disclosure also includes but is not limited to; allegations, investigations and/or disciplinary action from any licensing board or agency included under the Nationwide Health Care Fraud and Abuse scan; Office of Inspector General (OIG), General Services Administration (GSA), FDA Debarment Check, Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA), Office of Research Integrity (ORI), and Medicare and Medicaid Sanctions.

Maintaining Health Insurance, Immunization & Certification Requirements:

Continuing M.S.N. degree and Post Masters Certificate students must maintain current documentation within the online program throughout enrollment. There is an annual fee of \$20 for students who must maintain the Magnus Immunization Tracker. Students are required to update the following date dependent documentation in the online program when due:

1. Current **health insurance** coverage either through the university insurance plan or by another policy. For more information on the student health insurance visit: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health/student-health-insurance. Health Insurance is required of all students by Vanderbilt University. Clinical sites require the student have health insurance to cover any illness or injury that he or she may incur during their clinical training experience.
2. Negative results of **annual tuberculin skin test**. If positive, medical evaluation and documentation of a clear chest x-ray within 1 year of admission to VUSN and annual completion of the '[Annual Past-Positive TB Screening' form](#) (Form available at www.CertifiedBackground.com) confirming the absence of symptoms by a MD, NP or PA.
3. Current **CPR certification** for adult, child, and infant. Vanderbilt accepts only the American Heart Association (AHA) BLS for the Health Care Provider card. Additional CPR certifications may be required by specialty.
4. **HIPAA & OSHA Safety Training** is required annually. Additional training may be required for particular clinical sites. Instructions for accessing and completing the training will be emailed to the student's Vanderbilt account in mid-August.
5. Copy of an unencumbered **Registered Nurse's license** in the state(s) where the student will be doing clinical training (if applicable).
6. **Influenza:** 1 dose of TIV (trivalent) or LAIV (live attenuated) annual vaccination is highly recommended **OR** sign 'Seasonal Flu Waiver' form to decline seasonal flu vaccine.

Please note – many clinical agencies are requiring evidence of annual vaccination or the wearing of a mask during flu season.

The student should be aware that some clinical sites may require additional immunizations and/or blood titers, drug screening, or additional criminal background checks. The immunizations and titers can be done at Student Health http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health/ once enrolled. If the student plans to use Student Health, they should call (615) 322-2427 to schedule an appointment. The student should bring a copy of their 'Health Questionnaire' form and any required documentation to the appointment. Students will be responsible for all charges incurred in order to meet clinical site requirements.

Due to certain restrictions, **VUSN is not able to accommodate clinical placements in all locations.** Please check with the placement office.

Student Requirements When Returning from Leave of Absence

Any VUSN student (includes full and part-time students) who completed a background check through Certified Background but had a break in enrollment, including a deferral or leave of absence, must complete a new background check upon return. Enter **package code VAI4bc** in the "Place Order" box on the www.CertifiedBackground.com homepage.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY: HONOR CODE

HONOR CODE

"Vanderbilt University students pursue all academic endeavors with integrity. They conduct themselves honorably, professionally and respectfully in all realms of their studies in order to promote and secure an atmosphere of dignity and trust. The keystone of our honor system is self-regulation, which requires cooperation and support from each member of the University community."

Vanderbilt students are bound by the Honor System inaugurated in 1875 when the University opened its doors. Fundamental responsibility for the preservation of the system inevitably falls on the individual student. It is assumed that students will demand of themselves and their fellow students complete respect for the Honor System. All work submitted as a part of course requirements is presumed to be the product of the student submitting it unless credit is given by the student in the manner prescribed by the course instructor. Cheating, plagiarizing, or otherwise falsifying results of study are specifically prohibited under the Honor System. The system applies not only to examinations but also to written work, clinical assignments and computer programs submitted to instructors. The student, by registration, acknowledges the authority of the Honor Council of the School of Nursing.

Students are expected to become familiar with the Student Handbook, available online at the time of registration, which contains the constitution and bylaws of the Honor Council and sections on the Graduate Student Conduct Council, Appellate Review Board, and related regulations.

The following are Honor Code violations:

1. Faculty may issue a personal warning to the student suspected of academic dishonesty that, unless the action which led to the suspicion ceases, the incident will be reported to the Honor Council. The flagrancy of the violation determines which course of action the faculty member is expected to follow. The option of warning the student personally is open to the faculty member only in the event of a minor suspicion or if evidence is not available.
2. Plagiarism on an assigned paper, theme, report, or other material submitted to meet course requirements.
3. Failure to report any known or suspected violation of the Honor Code.
4. Any action designed to deceive a faculty member or a fellow student regarding principles contained in the Honor Code.
5. Use of papers or texts prepared by commercial or non-commercial agents and submitted as a student's own work.
6. Submission of work prepared for another course without prior authorization from the instructors involved.
7. Falsification of any results pertaining to a study or one's research.

Punishment for an Honor Code violation, when required, will be chosen from among the following list of options:

1. Reprimand from the instructor involved, at his or her discretion.
2. Failure of the work in which the violation occurred.
3. Failure of the course in which the violation occurred.
4. Suspension from school for not less than the remainder of the semester and not more than two semesters.
5. Expulsion from school for providing false information, verbally or written, to an Honor Council investigator or at an Honor Council hearing.

Penalties will be determined by a vote of the Honor Council. Decisions of the Council are subject to appeal through the Appellate Review Board. Requests for appeal must be submitted in writing to the chairman of the Appellate Review Board within seven days of the decision in question.

SCHOOL OF NURSING HONOR COUNCIL

The Honor Council is an organization that seeks to preserve the integrity of the Honor Code. Membership on the Nursing Honor Council consists of four Pre-Specialty students, four Specialty students, and one member from the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. The Honor Council solicits members through a self-nomination process. Interested students are encouraged to complete a self-nomination form so that their names can appear on the ballot. Self-nomination forms will be available at Orientation. Representatives serve for one year from September through August. Officers of the council must be full-time students in good standing.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HONOR COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Article I – Name:

The name of the council shall be the Honor Council of the School of Nursing of Vanderbilt University.

Article II – Purpose:

The Council is an organization of students that seeks to preserve the integrity of the Honor Code at Vanderbilt University. It aims to secure justice for any student under suspicion of dishonesty, to vindicate his or her name if the suspicion of dishonesty is disproved, and if the suspicion of dishonesty is proved, to protect the honor and standing of the remaining students by his or her punishment as shall be set forth in the by-laws. It proposes to do this in accordance with the procedures, rules and organization hereinafter set forth.

Article III – Jurisdiction:

The Honor Council shall take cognizance of the giving or receiving of aid by any student without the knowledge or consent of the instructor concerned.

This applies to all tests, themes, term papers and examinations, and to any other work unless specifically designated by an instructor not to be under the Honor Code.

Any student taking a course or courses in other departments of the University, regardless of where registered, is to this extent under the jurisdiction of the Honor Council and subject to any penalties it may impose.

Article IV – Membership, Elections and Vacancies:

The Honor Council shall consist of a minimum of seven and a maximum of twenty-one members. Students are invited to serve via a self-nomination process. The self-nomination

process shall be concluded no later than four weeks following the beginning of the fall term. Honor Council members may be full or part time students and must be in good academic standing.

All members of the Honor Council shall serve a term of one calendar year (September to August) and may be called for duty at any time during that year.

In the event of a membership less than 7, another call for self-nomination will be made.

Article V – Officers and Their Duties:

The Council shall elect from their number the following officers:

1. Chairperson
2. Vice Chairperson
3. Recording Secretary

The duties of the Chairperson shall include:

1. Presiding at all meetings of the Council
2. Determining whether a pre-hearing will be held based on investigative report
3. Arranging for the hearing of any student accused
4. Summoning the accused and witnesses in all hearings and all persons coming before the Council
5. Performing all duties common to the office

The duties of the Vice Chairperson shall include:

1. Supervise all investigations
2. Serve as Chairperson when the Chairperson is unable to perform his or her duties

The duties of the Recording Secretary shall include:

1. Notifying members of all hearings and meetings
2. Keeping full minutes and tape recordings of all meetings and all hearings and delivering these to the Office of the Faculty Adviser

The duties of all members of the Council shall include:

1. Attending all meetings and hearings as requested
2. Investigating allegations as requested
3. Reporting results of investigations to the Council

Article VI – Meetings:

One organization meeting of the Honor Council shall be held within one (1) month after conclusion of self-nomination process.

Special meetings may be called by the chairperson at any time.

Article VII – Faculty Adviser:

One faculty member appointed by the Dean of the School of Nursing will serve as Faculty Adviser to the Honor Council. The Faculty Adviser will sit in on every hearing. The faculty Adviser may ask questions and participate in discussions, but does not have a vote in the outcome. After the hearing, the Faculty Adviser will submit a written report to the Dean. At year end the Honor Council Officers and the Faculty Adviser may meet together to review and discuss the cases that have been decided that year.

Article VIII – Violations:

The Honor Code at Vanderbilt specifically prohibits actions deemed as breaches of the mutual trust for which the honor system stands. Violations of provisions of the Honor Code are cause for disciplinary actions imposed by the Honor Council.

The following are included as violations:

1. Giving or receiving unauthorized aid either orally, electronically, or in writing, such as cheating on an exercise, test, problem or examination submitted by a student to meet course requirements. Cheating includes the use of unauthorized aids (i.e., as crib sheets, the aid of student or another instructor on a take-home exam, technical resources), copying from another student's work, soliciting, or similar action contrary to the principles of academic honesty. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain clarification from faculty about authorized aid.
2. Plagiarism on an assigned paper, theme, report, care plan, SOAP notes or other material submitted to meet course requirements. Plagiarism is defined as the act of incorporating into one's own work the work of another without indicating that source. A full description of plagiarism is given in the Undergraduate Student Handbook.
3. Failure to report a known or suspected violation of the Code in the manner prescribed.
4. Use of texts or papers prepared by commercial or noncommercial agents and submitted as a student's own work.
5. Submission of work prepared for another course without the specific prior authorization of the instructors in both courses.
6. Falsification of results of study and research.
7. Falsification of clinical log or other item related to clinical practice.
8. Provision of false information at an Honor Council hearing or to an Honor Council investigator in either verbal or written form.

Article IX – Hearing:

Hearings will be conducted in a manner congruent with the procedures of the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Honor Council as published in the Student Handbook.

A suspected violation of the Honor Code must be reported to the Honor Council immediately after the student or instructor become aware of the suspected violation. The appointed investigators will notify the accused of the charges within five (5) class or exam days following this report and that an investigation is being conducted. As a general policy, the Honor Council will proceed with the pre-hearing unless the preliminary investigation indicates clearly that no substantive basis for doing so exists. After the pre-hearing, the Chair and members of the Honor Council will meet to review the evidence and decide whether there is sufficient evidence to conduct a hearing.

A quorum shall exist when five of the representatives on Honor Council are in attendance at a meeting.

No person related to the accused by blood or marriage will be allowed to serve on the Hearing Committee. A member may also exclude himself from serving on the Hearing Committee for personal reasons.

Both the pre-hearing and the hearing will be conducted in privacy, and all members of the Honor Council will be required to preserve the confidentiality of the proceedings in all cases.

Within forty-eight (48) hours following the conclusion of a hearing, the secretary will inform in writing the accused, the person bringing the charge, the course instructor, the academic director, the Associate Dean for Academics, and the Dean of the School of Nursing of the decision and the penalty, if any. The Dean will notify the Registrar of the School of Nursing of the decision.

Article X – Penalties:

If the accused is found guilty, a penalty will be determined by the Honor Council consistent with the following: the flagrancy of the violation, the degree of premeditation, the truthfulness of the accused throughout the investigation and the hearing, and any mitigating circumstances that may enter the case.

The specific penalty chosen is limited to one of the following alternatives:

1. Failure of the work involved. The work may not be repeated.
2. Failure in the course involved. A vote of two-thirds of the members of the Hearing Committee will be required to administer this penalty. The course may be repeated. However, course offerings will not be altered.

3. Suspension from the School of Nursing graduate program for a stated period not to exceed two semesters from the end of the semester in which the student was convicted of the violation. For example, a student convicted of a violation in the spring of his or her first year in residence and suspended one semester would be eligible for return in the fall following a summer semester suspension; however, course offerings will not be altered to meet individual requirements. The Hearing Committee may use its own discretion in setting the dates of the suspension. A grade of F will be administered automatically to the student's record. The penalty of suspension requires a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Hearing Committee.
4. In the case of a student convicted of providing false information at an Honor Council hearing or to an Honor Council investigator in either verbal or written form, that student may be suspended for up to three semesters from the end of the semester in which he or she was convicted. A vote of two-thirds of the members of the Hearing Committee is required to impose this penalty. Under no circumstances can this penalty be suspended.

In rare circumstances, the panel may suspend the presumptive penalty; suspension of the penalty must be approved by a unanimous vote of panel members.

Article XI – Appeals:

Appeals of decisions made by the Honor Council are referred to the University Appellate Review Board following the procedure in the Graduate Student Handbook.

Article XII – Amendments:

Amendments to the Honor Constitution may be adopted by the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Honor Council.

Approved April 23, 1992

Revised May 19, 2005

PROCEDURES OF THE VUSN HONOR COUNCIL

Investigation:

1. When an alleged violation of the Honor Code is reported to the Chair of the Honor Council, he or she will immediately appoint two investigators.
2. The investigators shall interview, without delay, the accuser, and later, persons other than the accused who might have been a part of, or witness to, the alleged violation. They will collect all available physical evidence. Having assembled their findings, they will prepare a statement of the charge against the accused.

3. The statement includes, in addition to the specific charge, an explanation of the possible consequences if the accused student is found guilty of a breach of the Vanderbilt Honor Code. This statement must be prepared in duplicate, one for the accused and one for the Honor Council's files.
4. The investigators shall meet with the accused, explain that they are there on Honor Council business, present him or her with the written statement of charges, and give the accused a copy of the Honor System procedures set forth in the Student Handbook. The accused is required to respond to the investigators' inquiries within a reasonable period of time, and the Honor Council may send a notice to the Registrar's office to enter an Incomplete on the accused's transcript, along with the notation "Honor Council investigation pending," if the accused is not compliant or if the investigation or hearing will continue past the end of the semester. The accused will be informed at the meeting with the investigator of all the available evidence in the case and of the procedures that will be followed.
5. The investigators will ask the accused to sign the Statement of Charges indicating that he or she understands the charge, possible penalties if found guilty, and the procedures to be followed. Signing the Statement of Charges does not imply or acknowledge guilt.
6. The investigators will ask the accused to explain his or her account of the events surrounding the alleged violation. The accused may choose not to make any statement at the time of the first meeting, but rather to defer making any statement until an agreed upon time prior to the hearing.
7. The investigators will inform the accused of his or her right to obtain material witnesses. The accused is required to notify the investigators of the witness(es) before the hearing has been scheduled so that the investigators may contact the witness(es) and prepare a statement for inclusion in the investigative report. No witness will be allowed to testify at the hearing unless he or she has previously given a statement to the investigators. The investigators will also inform the accused student of his or her right to obtain one character witness to testify at the hearing. In addition, the accused may have one faculty, student, or staff adviser, who may not have had formal legal training, present with him or her during the presentation of testimony, and who may speak with the accused, but who may not speak directly with Honor Council members on the hearing panel. An accused may obtain professional legal representation, advice, and counsel. However, an attorney may not participate in or be present during an Honor Council interview or hearing. The Honor Council is a student tribunal untrained in the law. An attorney representing an accused is encouraged to work directly with the Office of the General Counsel.
8. The investigators should explain the procedures of the hearing in full detail to each witness and the accused. They should explain to the accused the importance of

- honesty in the proceedings and inform him or her that he or she will be called on to enter a plea of guilt or innocence. The investigators will also inform each as to the place and time of the hearing; however, the accused student is responsible for arranging the attendance of his or her character witness. The hearing should not be held earlier than seventy-two hours after the investigators initially have met with the accused unless an earlier time is agreed to by the accused.
9. The investigators are to arrange any details necessary for conducting the hearing, such as reserving rooms where the witnesses and the accused may be placed during the hearing.
 10. The investigators will assemble the evidence and testimony in a concise, logical report. At least twenty-four hours before the hearing, the accused student will be presented with a copy of the investigators' report so that he or she may comment at the hearing on any corrections or clarifications the accused student feels are necessary or appropriate.
 11. The investigators will provide the investigative report to the Chair of the Honor Council, who will determine whether sufficient evidence exists to warrant a hearing by the Council.

Pre-hearing: A five-member hearing panel (consisting of the Chair and four members appointed by the Chair) will hear the evidence in the case. The hearing panel conducts a pre-hearing to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to justify conducting a hearing. As a general policy, the Honor Council will proceed with the hearing unless the preliminary investigation indicates clearly that no substantive basis for doing so exists. The accused student will be present during the pre-hearing; the accused student and the investigators will then leave the hearing room while the panel votes on whether to proceed.

1. Presentation of investigator's report.
 - a. Investigators are sworn in by the Chair.
 - b. Evidence is presented: the interviews with witnesses are reported briefly and impartially; the material evidence is presented and explained without opinion.
 - c. The investigators read the statement of charges issued to the accused and any statement written by the accused.
 - d. The Honor Council may question the investigators. At no time do the investigators express their opinion(s) concerning the guilt or innocence of the accused.
2. Determination whether to proceed to hearing. By simple majority vote, the Honor Council decides whether or not there is sufficient evidence to conduct a hearing.

Hearing:

- I. Testimony. The accused student is allowed to be present during the presentation of all testimony. If the accuser and witnesses are to testify in person (as opposed to through written documents), they will appear separately and await their appearances alone. When called, each (with the exception of the character witness) is sworn in by the Chair.
 - a. Accuser. If the accuser testifies in person, the Chair will invite a general account of the events in question. Then the Honor Council may direct its questions to the accuser. The investigators may question the accuser, waiting until the Honor Council has concluded its questioning, to clarify points that may have been obscured. In the case of the accuser's absence, the Honor Council will proceed to the testimony of the witness(es) and/or the accused student.
 - b. Material Witnesses. First, the Chair invites a general account of the events in question. Then the Honor Council may direct its questions to the witness. The investigators may question material witnesses, waiting until the Honor Council has concluded its questioning, to clarify points that may have been obscured.
 - c. Character Witness. One character witness may provide a statement concerning the background of the accused. A character witness is not allowed to testify or express an opinion concerning the alleged offense. Discretion will be exercised to avoid questions that a character witness is not allowed to answer. If a character witness is not able to be present, he/she may submit a one page written document concerning background of the accused.
 - d. Accused Student. The Chair presents to the accused the charges and asks if he or she is familiar with the charges, the evidence, and the possible penalties if found guilty. The accused student enters his or her plea of guilt or innocence. The Chair asks the accused to state his or her account of the events in question. At this time, discrepancies in testimony, contradictions, and specific charges are brought forth. The Chair should detail the facts and charges in light of the testimony that has been introduced in support of the charges. The investigators may question the accused, waiting until the Honor Council has concluded its questioning, to clarify points that may have been obscured.
2. Recall. Witnesses may be recalled if the Honor Council so desires.
3. Deliberations Regarding Guilt. When the Honor Council is satisfied that all pertinent testimony has been received, the accused student, the student adviser, and the investigators leave the hearing room so that the panel may deliberate. The panel will proceed to discuss and decide the question of guilt or innocence. The proof that a

person is guilty of a charge must be clear and convincing to the Honor Council. A simple majority must vote “guilty” to find the accused guilty. Investigators do not vote.

4. **Deliberations Regarding Penalty.** If the accused is found guilty, the Honor Council determines a fitting penalty based upon (a) the flagrancy of the violation, (b) premeditation involved in the offense, (c) the truthfulness of the accused throughout the investigation and the hearing, and (d) whether the accused intended to violate the Honor Code, if relevant. The first three factors may be ranked on a scale of low, medium, or high. The intent to gain an unfair advantage is not ranked, but only determined to be present or absent.

When asserting that a lesser penalty is appropriate due to lack of intent to gain an unfair advantage, the student will bear the burden of demonstrating that the violation of the Code was not intentional. The panel will take into account the circumstances surrounding the incident and whether they are consistent with the student’s testimony claiming lack of intent.

When the absence of intent is based on ignorance of the applicable rules or standards, such as a lack of understanding of plagiarism or citation rules or the student’s failure to obtain a clear definition of the application of the Honor Code from the professor, the panel should also consider the degree of fault on the part of the student when determining the appropriate sanction. If the student’s ignorance was unreasonable, a penalty lower than the presumptive sanction should not be approved.

The assignment of a penalty must be approved by a vote of the panel members. In rare circumstances, the panel may suspend the presumptive penalty; suspension of the penalty must be approved by a unanimous vote of panel members. The specific penalty chosen is limited to one of the following alternatives: (1) failure of the work involved. The work may not be repeated, (2) failure in the course involved. A vote of two-thirds of the members of the Hearing Committee will be required to administer this penalty. The course may be repeated. However, course offerings will not be altered, (3) suspension from the School of Nursing graduate program for a stated period not to exceed two semesters from the end of the semester in which the student was convicted of the violation. For example, a student convicted of a violation in the spring of his or her first year in residence and suspended one semester would be eligible for return in the fall following a summer semester suspension; however, course offerings will not be altered to meet individual requirements. The Hearing Committee may use its own discretion in setting the

dates of the suspension. A grade of F will be administered automatically to the student's record. The penalty of suspension requires a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Hearing Committee, (4) in the case of a student convicted of providing false information at an Honor Council hearing or to an Honor Council investigator in either verbal or written form that student may be suspended for up to three semesters from the end of the semester in which he or she was convicted. A vote of two-thirds of the members of the Hearing Committee is required to impose this penalty. Under no circumstances can this penalty be suspended.

If, at the discretion of the Honor Council Chair, mitigating circumstances exist with regard to the commission of the violation in question, then the Chair may introduce those circumstances to be considered in the discussion of penalty. Such circumstances may not relate to the possible ramifications of the panel's decision.

5. Decision. The accused, student adviser, and investigators are brought back into the hearing room for presentation of the Honor Council's decision or notified by telephone if that is the preference of the accused. After stating the decision, the Chair (and others) may talk with the accused. At this time it should also be explained to the accused that he or she has the right of appeal.

After the Hearing:

1. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Honor Council Chair will gather all the material evidence, investigative reports, notes, and other records of the investigation and hearing and place them on file in the Office of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Faculty Adviser.
2. If the accused is found guilty or pleads guilty, written notice of the decision is sent to the following parties: (a) the accused, (b) the dean of the school in which he or she is enrolled, (c) the registrar of the school in which he or she is enrolled, (d) the University registrar and assistant registrar, and (e) other relevant University administrators when suspension or expulsion from the University is involved. A copy of the notice also will be placed in the Honor Council files.
3. A summary of the proceedings will then be prepared by the Secretary of the Honor Council or his/her designee.
4. The accused student may file an appeal from the hearing decision with the Honor Council adviser or the adviser's designee, but must do so within ten class or exam days of the hearing date or within two calendar weeks if school is not in session for ten days after notification. Requests for extensions of time must be submitted to the Honor Council Adviser prior to the end of this time period. The appeal petition will be sent to the Chair of the Appellate Review Board who will determine if there are sufficient grounds for an appeal based on the criteria delimited in the appeal

- procedures. If the Chair affirms that there is sufficient reason for an appeal, the student's petition is sent to the Honor Council Chair who will draft a response to the student's appeal upon receipt of the appeal from the Honor Council adviser's office. This response will be sent to the accused student for review and additional written comment or reply if he or she wishes. The appeal, the Honor Council response, the student's reply or additional comments, and copies of all appropriate evidence are then sent to the Appellate Review Board. (For more information on grounds for appeal and the procedures of the Appellate Review Board, see the discussion of "Appeals" in Chapter 3 of the Undergraduate Student Handbook or found online at http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/student-conduct/#appeals-and-the-appellate-review-board.)
5. Records of Honor Council proceedings and investigations are maintained by the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Honor Council Adviser. Records of convictions and penalties will not be released outside the University absent a written release from the convicted student or unless otherwise required by law in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). However, students should be aware that they may be required to sign such a waiver when applying to graduate or professional schools or in the course of any governmental background check. If a student receives failure in the course as a sanction, the student may retake the course (in accordance with the rules of the student's school or college) and replace the failure in his or her GPA. However, the original failure will continue to appear on the student's transcript (although nothing will appear on the transcript indicating that the failure was attributable to an Honor Council conviction).

Withdrawal from the University before Hearing:

1. If a student who has been reported for a suspected violation of the Honor Code withdraws from the University before a hearing has been conducted, that fact will be recorded by the Honor Council. A letter will be sent to the accused stating that he or she is suspected of an Honor Code violation, that an investigation has been or will be conducted, and that a hearing may be held.
2. The accused may respond in one of three ways: return to the campus for a hearing, waive the right to give testimony personally, thereby acknowledging that the hearing may proceed in his or her absence, or waive the right to appear and send a written, signed statement to be presented on his or her behalf at the hearing. Failure by the accused to respond will be considered a waiver of the right to appear.
3. During the time prior to the hearing, a notation will be placed on the transcript of the accused stating that an Honor Council case is pending. A letter will also be sent to the University registrar and to the School of Nursing registrar indicating that

Honor Council case is pending. If the accused attempts to re-enroll before the case is heard, the registrar will notify the Chair of the Honor Council. The case must be resolved before the accused may re-enroll.

4. If a case cannot be heard before the end of the grading period, the instructor will submit a grade of "I" until the Honor Council can act on the matter. A notation will be placed on the transcript of the accused stating that an Honor Council case is pending.

Discretion and Disqualification of Council Members:

1. During the investigation and throughout the entire course of the Honor Council's proceedings, Honor Council members must express no opinion concerning the offense to witnesses, the accused, or members of the community at large.
2. Council members and investigators may not participate in cases where their relationship with the accused, the accuser, or a material witness raises a reasonable inference of prejudice on their part. Examples of such relationships include close friendship, kinship, club or other organizational affiliation, or evidence of past prejudice.
3. Council members are not allowed to serve as character witnesses in any cases.

VUSN: SUPPORT SERVICE FOR STUDENTS

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMICS

The Senior Associate Dean for Academics, Mavis Schorn, is located in Room 215 Godchaux Hall. Her Administrative Associate, Stacy Black, is located in Room 214, Godchaux Hall. The Senior Associate Dean is available to assist students who have special curriculum needs or those who are experiencing academic difficulty. Prior to scheduling an appointment with the Senior Associate Dean, students are encouraged to attempt to resolve the issue through consultation with their assigned faculty advisers. Appointments with the Senior Associate Dean can be scheduled by calling her administrative associate at (615) 343-3241. Responsibilities of the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs include:

1. Notification to students of academic actions – probation, dismissals
2. Approval of Leaves of Absence
3. Planning of course schedules each semester
4. Responsibility for catalog submission
5. Serving as a resource to students and faculty in academic matters

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INFORMATICS

The Senior Associate Dean for Informatics, Betsy Weiner, is located in Room 260 Frist Hall. Her Administrative Associate, Sarah Putman, is located in Room 258 Frist Hall. The Senior Associate Dean is responsible for technology integration throughout the academic, practice, and research settings. The staff from the Frist Nursing Informatics Center will work with students on a daily basis to address their technology needs. Should you have any technology issues that need to be resolved, appointments with the Senior Associate Dean can be scheduled by calling her administrative associate at (615) 936-2549 or email her at betsy.weiner@vanderbilt.edu.

ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Sarah Ramsey, is located in Room 217 Godchaux Hall. Her Administrative Assistant, Pam Harrison, is located in Room 216 Godchaux Hall. Mrs. Ramsey serves as a resource to students concerning non-academic matters. She is available to assist students with a variety of activities and issues related to their student experience. Mrs. Ramsey serves as a resource to refer students to appropriate services available on the Vanderbilt Campus. The office of Student Affairs sponsors workshops related to student life (i.e. stress reduction, resume preparation, interviewing skills, NCLEX preparation). The Assistant Dean for Student Affairs also serves as the adviser to the Graduate Nursing Council and all other student organizations. If you wish to schedule an appointment, please contact her at (615) 343-3334 or see her assistant. You may leave a message on voicemail 24 hours a day. Responsibilities of the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs include:

1. Counseling students concerning non-academic matters
2. Referring students to appropriate campus resources (Counseling Center, Chaplain, Student Health, Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Department Counseling Center, Faculty Adviser, Course Faculty, Academic Dean)
3. Serving as Adviser to School of Nursing Student Organizations
4. Coordinating programs and special events for students

ASSISTANT DEAN FOR RECRUITMENT AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT (DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS)

The Assistant Dean for Recruitment and Enrollment Management, Paddy Peerman, is located in Room 210 Godchaux Hall. The administrative assistant for the admissions office, Bernie Ringale, is located in Room 207. Ms. Peerman serves as a resource to students concerning their course schedules and academic records. She also serves as Director of Admissions and as a liaison between the School of Nursing and the University Registrar's Office. You may contact her at (615) 322-3802 or see one of her assistants.

Responsibilities of Enrollment Management include:

1. Responsible for maintaining student academic records (Grades, Leaves of Absence, Withdrawals)
2. Notifying students regarding registration procedures and deadlines
3. Verifying student enrollment and graduation
4. Notarizing documents
5. Notifying course faculty and advisers of change in student status
6. Entering course schedule into student record system

Responsibilities of Recruitment include:

1. Identifying prospective students
2. Overseeing the recruitment process from initial inquiry to enrollment
3. Coordinating change in specialty, leave of absence, and withdrawal processes for enrolled students

SCHOOL OF NURSING REGISTRAR

The School Registrar, Logan Key, is located in Room 211 Godchaux Hall. He serves as the primary enrollment officer for the school. He is the primary point of contact for issues related to student academic records and registration. You should contact him if you discover any errors or irregularities with the academic record you see in YES (<http://yes.vanderbilt.edu>), including your major, expected graduation term, degree audit, or adviser. He also serves as a liaison between the School of Nursing and the University Registrar's Office. Enrollment related approval forms are available online at <http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/current/forms.html>. If you wish to schedule an appointment with him, call (615) 343-3411 or email him at logan.key@vanderbilt.edu.

FACULTY ADVISERS

Advising is an integral part of the student experience at Vanderbilt. Far from being a passive exercise, advising is a collaborative process in which students are expected to assume primary responsibility for their academic planning while advisers provide expertise and support with the planning effort.

Each student will be assigned a faculty adviser who will assist with planning a program of studies and will serve as a resource to students for academic matters, such as advice concerning any difficulty with courses, testing, or paper writing. The adviser should be contacted when the student is experiencing problems in maintaining an acceptable GPA. The Senior Associate Dean for Academics serves as adviser to special students. Advisers' roles include:

1. Planning program of study with assigned students
2. Assuring that students meet graduation requirements

3. Serving as a resource to students for problem-solving related to academic progress such as difficulties with testing, paper writing, or clinical decision-making
4. Initiating meetings to discuss student's plan for success if student receives a mid-term deficiency or is placed on probation
5. Making recommendations to the Senior Associate Dean for Academics if student needs a leave of absence or wishes to withdraw
6. Referring students to campus resources, such as:
 - a. Academic Enhancement Coordinator, Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Department, Counseling Center, Student Health Services, Senior Associate Dean for Academics

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT

Drs. Rolanda Johnson and Jana Lauderdale serve as additional faculty resources to students who need supplemental academic support during the Pre-Specialty and Specialty components of the M.S.N. program. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Lauderdale are available to provide assistance with study, test-taking, and writing skills. Students who experience academic difficulty should contact the course faculty and Dr. Johnson or Dr. Lauderdale as soon as possible to initiate a plan for improvement.

You may contact Dr. Johnson at her office, 213 Godchaux Hall, or by phone at (615) 343-7879, or by e-mail at rolanda.johnson@vanderbilt.edu. You may contact Dr. Lauderdale at her office, 218 Godchaux Hall, or by phone at (615) 343-2228, or by email at jana.lauderdale@vanderbilt.edu.

VUSN: COMPUTING SERVICES

FRIST NURSING INFORMATICS CENTER (FNIC)

Student Computer Lab – 240 Frist Hall

Hours:

Monday-Thursday	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Due to holidays, and occasional classes scheduled to meet in the lab, exceptions to the regular schedule may occur. Notice of such changes will be posted in the lab and published on the VUSN Web at <http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/fnic/vu/computerlabschedule.html>. (A Vanderbilt username, a VUnetID, is typically required to access this website.)

Staff:

Jerry Murley	Asst. Dean for Educational Informatics	615-343-3300
Mazo Freeman	Program Coordinator	615-343-3950
Clay Sturgeon	Media Services Manager	615-343-3332 or 615-491-2887
Greg Tipton	Media Services Specialist	615-343-0158 or 615-491-2843
John Norfleet	Computer Programmer	615-343-3400 or 615-600-9983
Olivia Dorris	Inventory Control Specialist	615-875-5634
Keith Wood	Graphics Manager	615-875-2748
Dina Bahan	Sr. Graphics Designer	615-343-2965
Diana Vasquez	Web Coordinator	615-936-7668
Ryan McNew	Sr. Network Manager	615-343-3046 or 615-613-3143
Scot Loerch	Network Manager	615-343-5623 or 615-491-2547
John DeVinney	Network Technician	615-343-2724 or 615-491-2143

The Frist Nursing Informatics Center (FNIC) student computer lab is equipped with 27 Dell Precision T1500 computers, three laser printers, and two scanners. Use of FNIC labs is restricted to VUSN students, staff, and faculty. Word processing has lowest priority in all VUSN computer labs; online testing has highest priority. Laser printing of school-related assignments is supported free of charge for the first 500 prints per semester; thereafter prints may be purchased on a Commodore card for five (5) cents a copy. Multiple copies of documents can be made on a photocopy machine (see page 44). (As a courtesy to fellow students, when the computer labs are busy, please limit printing to no more prints than are immediately necessary. Graphics-intensive files can cause long delays at the shared printers.)

Each Dell computer in the lab has an Intel i5-750 3.3GHz processor, 4 GB RAM, a 500 GB hard drive, a 17" HP flat panel monitor, a 48X CD-RW/DVD drive, USB access for a personal thumb drive, and Windows 7. Each also has Microsoft Office 2013 (Access, Excel, PowerPoint and Word) installed. All lab PCs are on the VUSN network and are connected to one of three Hewlett-Packard LaserJet M603 (with duplexing option) printers. They are capable of accessing resources in the Medical Center library and on the VUSN network. All computers on the network have direct access to VUnet services (Vanderbilt University's central computing services) and full Internet connectivity.

The room 240 Frist Hall lab has an HP ScanJet 8200 color scanner. The room 240CA Frist Hall lab contains an HP ScanJet 5590 color scanner with a multi-page feeder and text-scanning software. Assistance from FNIC personnel regarding the use of lab hardware and software is available. Workshops on the use of specific instructional software may become available from time to time. Watch for notices in the labs and in email messages from the FNIC.

COMPUTING-RELATED INFORMATION

VUNetID: Your VUNetID identifies you as a member of the Vanderbilt community, allowing you to access services on the Vanderbilt University computer network (VUNet). The following essential services require a VUNetID and associated password:

1. Vmail, the University's email system
2. OAK (Blackboard), Web-based course management system that allows instructors to post course-related information for students online in a secure environment
3. YES (Your Enrollment Services), single login for student services
4. ResNet, VU network and Internet access for on-campus residents
5. FNIC computer-lab printer card readers that allow user specified printing via VUNetID and password or Commodore card swipe

All enrolled students are eligible for a VUNetID. Students obtain and manage their VUNetIDs via a process outlined at <http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/vunetid>. Students keep their VUNetIDs for as long as they are affiliated with Vanderbilt University. (VUNetID account holders should **never** share their VUNetID passwords with anyone else.)

VUSN Technology Overview Page: The Technology Overview Web page <http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/techinfo.html> has links to a number of important resources for students. From there you will be able to access the Tech Tools page, where you will find information about configuring your computer and setting up necessary accounts.

OAK (Blackboard): OAK (Online Access to Knowledge) is a Web-based course management system used at Vanderbilt University that is powered by the Blackboard Learning System. It allows students to access course-related materials, such as course syllabi, assignments, handouts, slide presentations and lectures, via the Internet. OAK can be accessed from <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/oak/> or via Quick Links to OAK (Blackboard) on all VUSN Web pages. Use your VUNetID to access this system.

Vmail Access and Help: Vmail Outlook Web Access <https://email.vanderbilt.edu/> is the email system the School of Nursing uses. Use your VUNetID for access. For questions about Vmail call the VUMC Help Desk at 343-4357 (343-HELP). You may also contact Jerry Murley (343-3300), Ryan McNew (343-3046), Scot Loerch (343-5623), John DeVinney (343-2724) or John Norfleet (343-3400) at VUSN.

Wireless Internet at VUSN: Those who have laptops, tablets, and phones with wireless capability may access the Internet anywhere within the VUSN complex. Students who use the

VU/VUMC wireless systems will be responsible for installing critical patches on their wireless devices.

Please remember that these are university resources for university-related activities. Please refrain from using wireless resources for downloading large files, because such activity will limit availability to others, or for transfer of patient information, for security reasons.

Audiovisual Viewing and Additional Interactive Learning Tools: VCR/CD/DVD players are located in the FNIC computer lab. Please ask for and use headphones when viewing videos if others are in the room or in adjacent rooms. From the lab, students enrolled in VUSN courses that are videotaped may watch class lectures on CD/DVD or streamed on the Web; however, course coordinators determine access policies for these resources.

Media Resource Library: FNIC instructional resources, including video and audio recordings on CD and DVD, and some printed materials, are maintained in the resource library in room 240B Frist Hall. [A catalog of instructional software](#) can be accessed via VUSN's Current Students Web page.

For the benefit of all, limited resources may not be removed from VUSN facilities (i.e., Frist Hall, Godchaux Hall, and the Annex). Some videos may be taken to players in the computer labs or other viewing areas for specific time periods upon deposit of the borrowing student's student ID or signature. Unless otherwise noted, programs on CD/DVD may be used only on lab computers. Policies governing the use of software resources left temporarily in the care of the FNIC may vary due to express faculty guidelines. Students may not install software on lab computers.

Copy/Course Reference Materials Room: There is a copy machine with an automatic document feeder for student use in Room 240C Frist Hall. It accepts coins only (\$1 bills can be changed in the snack vending machine). Copies cost ten cents each (subject to change as VUSN evaluates student usage). The room also contains printed course reference materials, staplers, a paper cutter, a 3-hole punch, and a work table. There are other printer/copiers available for student use at the Eskind Biomedical Library, where VUSN occasionally maintains books on reserve as course reference materials. Eskind printing costs 5 cents per side (black and white) and 25 cents per side (color) and requires a Commodore card. Eskind has a scanner and 3 printer/copier/scanners (2 black and white, 1 color) available for student use; there is no charge for using the scanners to copy course reference material.

FNIC Testing Lab: The FNIC testing lab is located in Room 240A Frist Hall. It contains eight computers that are dedicated to Web-based testing. This lab is closely supervised and should remain quiet at all times. The Vanderbilt University honor code is strictly observed in FNIC computer labs.

RESOURCES FOR DISTANCE-ACCESS STUDENTS

Some students are enrolled in courses that do not require all class content to be delivered in a face-to-face traditional classroom environment. Instead, the content is delivered in a modified learning format via the following: (1) courses offered in concentrated blocks of time on campus (approximately 5 days around a weekend, three times per semester), (2) online conferencing, and (3) digital video and distributed learning methods that allow for continued faculty contact between sessions. In addition, clinical placement can be arranged in the student's "home" area, provided a suitable agency and preceptor are available.

Distance-access students use the same type of student accounts as mentioned previously. The primary difference is that instead of attending a class session in a traditional classroom environment, these students view class presentations via digital video delivered via the Internet. This viewing can take place as the session is being taught (called synchronous delivery) or via audio or video files that are captured for later use (called asynchronous delivery). These files are typically large and require faster Internet connections for smooth delivery. We recommend an Internet service provider with high-speed Internet access, such as the services offered by cable companies (Comcast, Charter, Time-Warner, etc.), DSL service provided by your phone company, or the new U-verse service offered by AT&T. Satellite (HughesNet) or 3G cell systems (Verizon Wireless, Sprint/Nextel, ATT, Cricket, etc.) connectivity is typically not sufficient. 4G connectivity MAY be sufficient if you are reasonably close to the tower (at least 3 bars) and the tower isn't overwhelmed with traffic. These faster speeds are therefore recommended for those students who want to view synchronous class materials. For reference purposes, video is archived and may be available via streaming in the media library only. Usually a free software player must be installed in order to view lecture media.

Expectations for Student Home Computer and Other Resources:

- I. A multimedia-capable computer with a i5 processor or better
 - a. 2GB RAM or better, 250 GB hard drive or better, CDRW/DVDRW drive
 - b. A full duplex sound card and speakers
 - c. 65,000-color video display card set to display at least 1024x768 or higher
 - d. An Ethernet card (built-in, Cisco-compliant wireless capability is also recommended)
 - e. Windows 7 or later or Macintosh OS X 10.7 (Lion) or better*
 - f. Microsoft Office 2013 (Windows) or 2011 (Mac)
(available for free from <https://it.vanderbilt.edu/software-store/>)
 - g. A webcam may be required for some specialties.

2. Cable or DSL Internet service (3G cellular cards, and satellite connections are **not** recommended)**
3. Shareware/free software:
 - a. Firefox, Google Chrome and Microsoft Internet Explorer or Safari
(latest versions are best, check <http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/techttools.html> for updates)
 - b. Adobe Acrobat Reader (current version)
(<http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>)
 - c. Microsoft Security Essentials
(<http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/techttools.html>)
 - d. Adobe Flash Player (<http://www.adobe.com>)
 - e. QuickTime Player (<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>)
 - f. Scopia and/or Microsoft Communicator/Lync (<http://its.vanderbilt.edu/uc/lync>)
 - g. Other resources:
 - i. **Critical:** See our Program Technology Requirements Web page
(<http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/tools/techttable.html>)
 - ii. Personal USB drive (thumb drive) for moving files from computer to computer
 - iii. A printer

* Apple computers must have at least OS X 10.7+, 2GB RAM, a fast Internet connection, Firefox, Google Chrome and Safari Web browsers. (Apple owners who use Windows with Bootcamp must install appropriate Windows virus protection and Windows OS updates on a frequent schedule for adequate security.)

* A fast Internet connection through a cable or telephone company (broadband) is strongly recommended for all students and required for distance students. The Informatics specialty requires broadband.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY: CAMPUS SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

BOOKSTORE (Barnes and Noble at Vanderbilt)

The Barnes and Noble at Vanderbilt University Bookstore is located at 2501 West End Avenue. It stocks assigned textbooks for classes, reference books, leisure reading, and University memorabilia. The bookstore also stocks school supplies, dormitory accessories, Vanderbilt clothing, souvenirs, and the official Vanderbilt University Class ring. The Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Vanderbilt accepts the Vanderbilt card, Discover, Visa, MasterCard, and American

Express cards. Please call (800) 288-2665 for more information or visit www.vanderbilt.bncollege.com.

CAMPUS COMMUNICATIONS

The University Calendar: The Vanderbilt University Calendar offers a comprehensive listing of events, including lectures, conferences, performing arts, exhibitions, cultural activities and more. You can access the Calendar from the Vanderbilt home page, <http://www.vanderbilt.edu> or at <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu>.

The Vanderbilt View: This is a publication of Vanderbilt University for faculty, staff, students, and others of the University community. The Vanderbilt View is published monthly. It is offered to off-campus subscribers by the Division of Public Affairs. To receive the Vanderbilt View by mail or to subscribe, e-mail view-editor@vanderbilt.edu

The Hustler: The undergraduate newspaper is available on the central campus and immediately inside the front doors of Frist Hall. Although its articles are directed primarily at undergraduate concerns, it will keep you informed of university issues. Local restaurants often advertise specials and provide coupons.

MYVU: This is an online service at www.vanderbilt.edu/myvu that includes a calendar of events as well as articles of interest.

MyVUMC: A bi-weekly email newsletter of the Vanderbilt Medical Center for Faculty, Staff and Students. www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/myvumc

VUMC Reporter: The weekly publication is distributed on Fridays and keeps the public up to date with ongoing medical research, new techniques and procedures in the human-health research, and upcoming seminars, as well as accomplishments of the faculty and staff of the Medical Center. <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/reporter/>

The Vanderbilt Nurse: This bi-annual magazine is published by the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in cooperation with the Office of Alumni Publications. Its purpose is to inform alumni, students, parents, faculty, and friends of the institution about programs, activities, and issues of interest. The most recent copy can be found at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/vanderbiltnurse>

CAMPUS SECURITY

Vanderbilt University Police Department: <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/>

Emergency Number	911 from any Vanderbilt phone or (615) 421-1911 from any cell phone
Non-Emergency	(615) 322-2745
Walking Escorts	(615) 421-8888

The VU Police Department, (615) 322-2745, is a professional law enforcement agency dedicated to the protection and security of Vanderbilt University and its diverse community.

The VU Police Department provides several services and programs to members of the Vanderbilt Community as listed below.

Emergency Phones:

Emergency telephones (Blue Light Phones) are located throughout the University campus and Medical Center and One Hundred Oaks.

Each phone has an emergency button that when pressed automatically dials the VUPD Communications Center. An open line on any emergency phone will activate a priority response from an officer. An officer will be sent to check on the user of the phone, even if nothing is communicated to the dispatcher. Cooperation is essential to help us maintain the integrity of the emergency phone system. These phones should be used only for actual or perceived emergency situations.

An emergency response can also be received by dialing 911 from any campus phone. Cell phone users can use (615) 421-1911 to elicit an emergency response on campus. Cell phone users should dial 911 for off campus emergencies. All callers should be prepared to state their location.

Walking Escort Service:

Vanderbilt University Police Department provides walking escorts to faculty, students, staff and guests walking to and from any location on campus during the nighttime hours. The telephone number to call for a walking escort is (615) 421-8888 (off campus) or 1-8888 (on campus).

VUPD provides additional services including property registration (for bikes, laptops, etc.) lost and found, weapons safekeeping, and Submit a Crime Tip. For further information on available programs and services, call (615) 322-2558 or visit police.vanderbilt.edu.

Additional information on security measures and crime statistics for Vanderbilt is available from the Police Department, 111 28th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Information is also available at police.vanderbilt.edu.

VANDERBILT CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER

The Vanderbilt Child and Family Center supports the health and productivity of the Vanderbilt community by providing resource and referral services and quality early education and care to the children of faculty, staff, and students. The center's website, <http://healthandwellness.vanderbilt.edu/child-family-center/>, provides additional information concerning child care, elder care, summer camps, tutoring services, and school-age child care. Parents in a Pinch and the Vanderbilt Sitter Service provide back-up care options for dependents of all ages and evening, night and weekend care.

The Child Care Center serves children six-weeks old to five years. Applications for the waiting list may be downloaded from the website.

The Family Center offers monthly lunchtimes series, Boomers, Elders, and More, and a caregiver support group.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND DISABILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EAD)

The Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Department's (EAD) mission is to proactively assist the university with the interpretation, understanding, and application of federal and state laws which impose special obligations in the areas of equal opportunity and affirmative action. The EAD carries out its mission by continuously developing, implementing, evaluating, and revising action-oriented programs aimed at promoting and valuing equality and diversity in the university's faculty, staff, and student body. The EAD's core values include equality, diversity, inclusiveness, accessibility and accommodation, all of which represent the spirit and purpose of the EAD.

Disability Services Program for Students: To receive reasonable accommodations for a disability at Vanderbilt University, students are to apply for services through the Disability Services Program (DSP). Any student who wishes to apply for services must first be accepted for admission to Vanderbilt University.

Please keep in mind that the process below must be completed before the DSP staff can make any accommodation recommendations to faculty. On average, the process takes at least two weeks to complete; however, if the student's documentation does not meet all of the requirements listed from the documentation guidelines, the process will be delayed.

For more detailed information about our services, please see below or contact the DSP Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at (615) 322-4705.

Reasonable Accommodation Request Process: To request reasonable accommodations, students are to make their request known to the DSP and submit, for review, a current copy of their disability documentation. Documentation will be assessed to determine eligibility of

services and, if approved, the student will be notified to contact the DSP to arrange an intake interview. The intake interview usually lasts an hour and introduces the student to the staff as well as service procedures for each semester. Afterwards, the student will receive an accommodation letter from the DSP to provide and discuss with their instructors in order to have the accommodations administered.

Reasonable accommodation arrangements are not retroactive. For example, say a student chooses not to submit his or her accommodation letter to the instructor, and then later changes his or her mind. The accommodation will not begin until the letter has been given to the instructor.

Types of Services: The Disability Services Program provides a wide range of support services to students with disabilities at Vanderbilt University. Services and resources are determined on an individual basis considering the student's needs. The types of services provided are listed below.

1. Note-takers or access to class notes
2. Readers and scribes
3. Access to recorded textbooks and materials
4. Exam accommodations
5. Sign language interpreter
6. Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)
7. Access to TTY equipment
8. Priority scheduling
9. Access to adaptive technology computer equipment and software
10. Phonic Ear FM systems (assisted amplification device) available for loan
11. Guidance, counseling, referral, and advocacy services to students

Documentation Guidelines: The Disability Services Program (DSP) has written criteria for documentation used to assess a student's request for reasonable accommodations. The DSP staff reviews each student's documentation to determine if it meets the criteria to receive services. Students requesting reasonable accommodations are required to make their request known to the DSP and submit their documentation to verify eligibility of services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

To establish that an individual is covered under the ADA, documentation must indicate that the disability substantially limits a major life activity. If academic or classroom-based adjustments and accommodations are requested, learning must be one of the major life activities affected.

Reasonable accommodations are individually determined and must be supported by the disability documentation. To qualify for disability services at Vanderbilt, students are required to

provide the DSP diagnostic documentation from a licensed clinical professional familiar with the history and functional implications of the impairments. Disability documentation must adequately verify the nature and extent of the disability in accordance with current professional standards and techniques. It must also clearly substantiate the need for each of the student's specific accommodation requests.

All documentation must be submitted on the official letterhead of the professional describing the disability. The report should be dated, signed and include the name, title, and professional credentials of the evaluator, including information about license or certification. Students requesting services for the manifestations of multiple disabilities must provide supporting information of all such conditions. If the original documentation is incomplete or inadequate to determine the extent of the disability or reasonable accommodation, the university has the discretion to require additional documentation. Any costs incurred in obtaining additional documentation when the original records are inadequate are incurred by the student. In general, it is not acceptable for such documentation to include a diagnosis or testing performed by a member of the student's family.

Reasons for ineligibility for services can result from one or more of the following:

1. Out-dated documentation
2. Insufficient information
3. Documentation developed by a relative
4. Inappropriate professional making the diagnosis
5. No diagnosis given
6. For a Learning Disability or Attention Deficit Disorder, no IQ test data or no achievement test battery (with scores) administered to support diagnosis.
7. Average test scores (no scores representing a significant limitation)
8. Unsigned report
9. Report not written on evaluator's letterhead
10. No functional limitation given (for instance, how the diagnosis affects the individual related to the accommodation request)
11. Diagnosis based upon one subtest score with no additional support
12. In the case of a head injury, no assessment conducted after trauma or the recovery period

Note: An Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan from high school does not typically provide the needed documentation or diagnosis. A physician's letter or note is not sufficient to document Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), nor can prescribed medication be used to document a disability.

Admissions Information: All applicants go through the same admission review process and are admitted based on the quality of their academic record. As there is no separate admission process for applicants with disabilities, students with disabilities are competitively admitted to Vanderbilt University every year.

Federal law prohibits making preadmissions inquiry about disabilities. If a student believes, however, that some aspect of their academic record was affected by their disability, they may choose to share that with the Admissions Office. Information regarding disabilities, voluntarily given or inadvertently received, will not adversely affect any admission decision.

Temporary Medical Restrictions: Vanderbilt students who have injuries, surgeries or other conditions which will temporarily restrict them on campus can contact Disability Services Program staff if some type of short-term assistance may be needed. A medical statement will be required when equipment will be needed during the short period the person is recovering.

LIBRARIES

Library	Location	Phone
Biomedical	Eskind Biomedical Library	(615) 936-1401
Central	Jean & Alexander Heard Library Immediately north of the School of Nursing on 21 st Ave.	(615) 322-2800
Divinity	Bottom 2 floors of the Jean & Alexander Heard Library	(615) 322-2865
Education	Main lawn of Peabody Campus	(615) 322-8095
Law	School of Law, 21 st Avenue	(615) 322-2568
Management	Owen Graduate School of Management, 21 st Ave.	(615) 322-2971
Music	Blair School of Music, Blakemore Avenue	(615) 322-7695
Science & Engineering	Ground floor of Stevenson Center next to the Molecular Biology Building	(615) 322-2775

www.library.vanderbilt.edu

All holdings of the library are pooled in an electronic catalog that can be accessed through the University's Acorn Plus network. There are two bibliographic databases associated with Acorn Plus. Medline concentrates on medical and scientific topics while Wilson is a more general bibliographic source. Searches can be completed on all terminals located in the libraries, and the nationwide cooperative network allows material to be acquired from other libraries.

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

The Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life (OUCRL) provides opportunities to explore and practice religion, faith, and spirituality and to more deeply understand one's personal values and social responsibility via educational programming, encounters with various faith perspectives, and engagement with religious and spiritual communities. The University and

affiliated chaplains are also available for pastoral counseling, crisis intervention and religious, theological, spiritual and vocational discernment. Offering gracious hospitality and a welcoming environment, the office serves all students, faculty, and staff. The OUCRL offers support in times of crisis, leadership of memorial services and weddings, and an intellectual home and ethical resource for anyone in the Vanderbilt community seeking to clarify, explore, and deepen understanding of their lives and/or faith. Recognizing the importance of exploring one's faith in community, the office facilitates opportunities for individuals of a shared faith to worship/practice their particular religious tradition. Whether guided by one of our affiliated chaplains or a student-run religious organization, these groups foster a sense of community and common values. For a complete listing of campus religious groups, resources, services, and programming opportunities, visit www.vanderbilt.edu/religiouslife.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND COUNSELING CENTER 2015 Terrace Place

As part of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the PCC supports the mental health needs of all students to help them reach their academic and personal goals. Our highly skilled and multi-disciplinary staff collaborates with students to provide evidence-based treatment plans tailored to each individual's unique background and needs. The PCC also emphasizes prevention through outreach and consultation focused on the development of the skills and self-awareness needed to excel in a challenging educational environment.

The PCC's psychologists, licensed counselors, and psychiatric medical providers are available to any Vanderbilt student and address a range of student needs including stress management, crisis intervention, substance abuse counseling, management of medications, individual counseling, group counseling, biofeedback, emergency assessments, and psychiatric assessment and treatment. The PCC provides a team approach to the care of students with eating disorders and students who have experienced trauma as well as students needing both counseling and medication management. There is an on-call provider after hours and on weekends for emergency calls.

The PCC provides screening and full assessment when indicated for ADHD and learning disorders as well as assessment and support for reading and study skills.

A prevention program regarding substance use called BASICS is provided by the PCC. Students who have questions about their level of use may request an assessment through BASICS to learn more about risk related to substance use.

Students are encouraged to make contact with the PCC prior to the start of the school year if they have a history of mental health care needs. This will help facilitate the transition of care

and ensure that students are fully aware of PCC resources. Contact the center at (615) 322-2571 for more information.

There is no charge for services with the exceptions of reduced fees for LD/ADHD screening and assessment. Over the course of a year, approximately 20 percent of the Vanderbilt student population will seek out the services of the PCC.

Throughout the year, our Outreach Coordinator and other PCC staff also produce presentations, including educational programs, thematic presentations, and special events, focused on education of the Vanderbilt community about mental health issues and resources. The PCC is proud to provide a program focusing on suicide prevention and mental health awareness at Vanderbilt called MAPS: Mental Health Awareness and the Prevention of Suicide.

Access www.MyHealthatVanderbilt.com, an on-line tool allowing patients access to parts of their medical records and to secure communication with providers.

Student Eligibility: Vanderbilt University students are eligible for all services at the Psychological and Counseling Center as determined by a careful assessment and treatment planning.

Confidentiality: The essence of an effective therapeutic relationship is based on safeguarding a client's privacy. To the extent permitted by law, the Psychological and Counseling Center maintains confidentiality of all that is communicated between students and the provider(s). Written permission is required before any information about the student, including acknowledgement of contact with the Center, is released to anyone. Parents, deans, friends, and others do not have access to information from the center, unless a student authorizes the PCC (both verbally and in writing) to release such information. Certain extremely infrequent situations call for exception: life and death situations and child or elder abuse.

For more information, please see <https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/pcc/>

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The Student Health Center provides primary care services for students and is staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and a lab technician. The Student Health Center provides services similar to those provided in a private physician's office or HMO, including routine medical care, specialty care (e.g. nutrition and sports medicine), and some routine lab tests. Most of the services students receive at the Student Health Center are pre-paid, but those services that are not are the responsibility of students to coordinate with their health insurance.

When the university is in session, during fall and spring semesters, the Student Health Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. Students should call ahead to schedule an appointment at (615)-322-2427. Students with urgent problems will be seen on a same-day basis. They will be given an appointment that day, or “worked in” on a first-come, first-served basis if no appointments are available.

Emergency consultations services (615-322-2427) are available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week from on-call professionals. For more detailed information on the services available at the Student Health Center and information on other health related topics, please visit the Student Health Center website at <https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/student-health/>.

Student Health Insurance

All Vanderbilt students are required to have accident/illness insurance coverage acceptable to the University. Graduate and Professional students registered in degree programs of four or more credits or who are actively enrolled in research courses that are designated by VU as full-time enrollment, are automatically enrolled and billed for the student injury and sickness insurance plan. This coverage is for an entire academic year.

Each year, Vanderbilt works with a private company to offer an insurance policy for all Vanderbilt students who have no other coverage. The cost of the policy is automatically billed to your student account unless an online waiver is submitted of this plan by August 1, 2014. Information regarding the student insurance requirements and the waiver procedure is included on the Student Health website at <https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/student-health/student-health-insurance>. This site will be updated in the late spring soon as the details of the 2014-2015 plan are available. The SHC also has an insurance representative onsite to personally answer any questions. The representative can be reached at (615) 343-4688, from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday.

All Vanderbilt employees must waive Student Health Insurance if they are covered by any other health insurance (Including Vanderbilt Employee Health Insurance).

Students who are not participating in the University-sponsored health plan need to keep a copy of their health insurance card or the name, address, group, and policy number of their insurance coverage with them.

THE MARGARET CUNINGGIM WOMEN'S CENTER

As part of the Dean of Students office, the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center welcomes all members of the Vanderbilt community to take part in our events and resources related to women's and gender topics.

Our Gender Matters program offers co-curricular programming aimed to increase awareness of the influence that gender has in our lives; in addition, Gender Matters provides individual

support and advocacy around a variety of issues, including gender stereotyping, gender equity, students with children, body image, eating disorders, pregnancy and reproduction, sexual health, and more.

The Women's Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 316 West Side Row. For more information, please call (615) 322-4843 or visit www.vanderbilt.edu/womenscenter.

THE PROJECT SAFE CENTER

The Project Safe Center (PSC) partners with students, faculty and staff to create a campus culture that rejects sexual misconduct and sexual violence, and serves as a resource for all members of the Vanderbilt community. Operating under the auspices of the Office of the Dean of Students, the center is charged with supporting survivors of sexual violence and engaging the campus community in bystander intervention efforts and sexual assault prevention.

The Green Dot Campaign, a bystander intervention program used on the campuses of colleges and universities nationwide, and Vanderbilt University's Personal Empowerment Through Self Awareness (VU PETSAs), an online education module addressing the issue of power-based violence, are available through the PSC. A 24/7 resource and support hotline is also available through the center at (615) 322-SAFE (7233).

The Project Safe Center located at 304 West Side Row is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call (615) 322-6400 or visit vanderbilt.edu/projectsafe.

VUSN: OTHER POLICIES

ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, and SMOKING POLICY

Students are not allowed to attend class or clinical practice under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. Students suspected of using such substances will be asked to submit to voluntary urine screening as a condition of progression. Additional information on student impairment may be found in the University Student Handbook on policies concerning alcohol and controlled substances at http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/. The Medical Center of Vanderbilt University does not allow smoking on any of its property. As part of the Medical Center, the School of Nursing adheres to this policy.

CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL

Children are restricted from the School of Nursing except in unusual circumstances. Children should not accompany faculty, staff or students to the School unless under exceptional or

emergency circumstances. Any child brought to the School must be supervised at all times, by a parent or guardian. If a child is disruptive, the responsible parent/guardian will be asked to remove the child from the building. Children are not permitted in the Media Center, skills lab, or computer labs. Students must obtain permission from the Course Coordinator, appropriate faculty, or class lecturer prior to bringing children to class. Frequent violators of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

CODE FOR NURSES

The School of Nursing adheres to the American Nurses Association Code for Nurses which reads as follows:

Preamble: The Code for Nurses is based on belief about the nature of individuals, nursing, health, and society. Recipients and providers of nursing services are viewed as individuals and groups who possess basic rights and responsibilities, and whose values and circumstances command respect at all times. Nursing encompasses the promotion and restoration of health, the prevention of illness, and the alleviation of suffering. The statements of the Code and their interpretation provide guidance for conduct and relationships in carrying out nursing responsibilities consistent with the ethical obligations of the profession and quality in nursing care.

1. The nurse, in all professional relationships, practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and uniqueness of every individual, unrestricted by considerations of social or economic status, personal attributes, or the nature of health problems.
2. The nurse's primary commitment is to the patient, whether an individual, family, group, or community.
3. The nurse promotes, advocates for, and strives to protect the health, safety, and rights of the patient.
4. The nurse is responsible and accountable for individual nursing practice and determines the appropriate delegation of tasks consistent with the nurse's obligation to provide optimum patient care.
5. The nurse owes the same duties to self as to others, including the responsibility to preserve integrity and safety, to maintain competence, and to continue personal and professional growth.
6. The nurse participates in establishing, maintaining, and improving Health Care environments and conditions of employment conducive to the provision of quality health care and consistent with the values of the profession through individual and collective action.
7. The nurse participates in the advancement of the profession through contributions to practice, education, administration, and knowledge development.

8. The nurse collaborates with other health professionals and the public in promoting community, national, and international efforts to meet health needs
9. The profession of nursing, as represented by associations and their members, is responsible for articulating nursing values, for maintaining the integrity of the profession and its practice, and for shaping social policy.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY OF PATIENT INFORMATION

Trust and confidentiality are at the heart of the caregiver/patient relationship. The ANA Code for Nurses requires students to strive to protect the rights of patients — and one of their essential rights is the right to privacy and to have information about them kept confidential. In addition to professional codes, all health care organization will have policies regarding confidentiality that reflect ethical standards, as well as state and federal laws. Recent federal regulations are bringing a new measure of uniformity to confidentiality practices across the Health Care industry.

In 1996, Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Portions of the legislation have generated privacy regulations that will significantly impact all types of Health Care providers. These regulations represent the first comprehensive medical privacy standards established at the federal level. Generally, they protect patient confidentiality and focus on the use and disclosure of individually identifiable health information. The new rules increase consumer control of their medical records, restrict the use and disclosure of patient information, establish accountability for the protection of patient data by providers and their business partners, set forth sanctions for noncompliance, and mandate an administrative infrastructure to implement and monitor these policies. A summary of these rules can be found at <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/root/vumc.php?site=hipaa>. The HIPAA regulations, and Vanderbilt University Medical Center's (VUMC) core confidentiality policies (Hospital Operations Policy 10-17 and 10-52) protect all individually identifiable health in any form (paper, verbal, electronic). Students are therefore required to protect the confidentiality of any information related to the provision of care that can be linked to a patient (clinical records, billing records, dates of service, etc.). A key principle mandated by HIPAA and VUMC policy is that clinicians and staff should only use the minimum amount of patient information that is necessary to carry out their duties. Essentially, all patient information should only be accessed by authorized individuals, and be used or disclosed on a "need to know" basis.

VUMC has refined all of its policies and procedures regarding patient confidentiality to reflect the core concepts and requirements of the HIPAA privacy regulations. A complete list of VUMC privacy policies can be found at the HIPAA Privacy web site:
<http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/root/vumc.php?site=hipaaprivacy&doc=1538>

Violations of these policies while training or practicing at VUMC will result in disciplinary action (see VUMC Hospital Operations Policy 10-17). Additionally, under HIPAA, individuals can incur federal fines up to \$250,000 and be imprisoned up to 10 years for misusing protected patient information for commercial advantage or malicious harm.

HIPAA privacy requirements will not significantly alter how patient information can be used or disclosed for treatment. The regulations also allow the use of patient information for training purposes. Any other uses, however, particularly research, may require patient authorization or other approval protocols. If you have any questions regarding appropriate uses and disclosures of patient information, you can contact the VUMC Privacy Office at (615) 936-3594. Additional information on the HIPAA regulations can be found at VUMC's HIPAA web site:

<http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/HIPAA> or by calling the Privacy Office at (615) 936-3594.

EXPOSURE TO BLOOD AND BODY FLUIDS

What should you do: If a student has an exposure to blood or body fluids (i.e. a needle stick, splash to eyes or mouth, or contact with non-intact skin) during a clinical rotation, these are the steps that should be taken:

- I. Immediate First Aid at the Work Site
 - a. Wash the exposed area immediately with soap and water.
 - b. Flush eyes or mouth with tap water for 15 minutes.
 - c. Remove contacts immediately if eyes are exposed.
 - d. Obtain the name, medical record number, and location of the patient source of the exposure. You will give this important information to the Employee Health Service practitioner at the clinical agency.
 - e. Contact your clinical instructor/supervisor immediately.

2. Important Notification and Documentation Procedure
 - a. On Campus:
 - i. Report, in person, immediately to the Occupational Health Clinic (OHC) Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, 6th Floor of the Medical Arts Building (MAB).
 - ii. When the Occupational Health Clinic is closed, report immediately to the Emergency Department for the initial assessment and treatment. All exposed students will be referred to the OHC for further evaluation and/or treatment on the next OHC workday. No appointment is necessary. It is imperative that the Occupational Health Clinic is also notified by the exposed student as soon as possible, by calling (615) 936-0955 to report the exposure.

- iii. Notify your clinical faculty member who must send a First Report of Injury Form to the Claims/Risk Management Office within 48 hours.

b. Off Campus:

- i. Should an exposure occur off campus, immediately complete Step 1. Follow the agency/facility protocol for OSHA bloodborne pathogen emergency treatment.
- ii. Within 2 hours of exposure, contact the Vanderbilt Occupational Health Clinic at (615) 936-0955 (7:30 am - 5:30 pm Monday-Friday) for further instructions and follow-up care. If after hours, contact Vanderbilt University Medical Center Emergency Room at (615) 322-3391.
- iii. Notify your clinical supervisor and clinical course coordinator immediately.

3. Assessment and Treatment of Your Exposure

a. The Occupational Health Service and/or the Emergency Department will...

- i. Document and assess your exposure. Administer Immune Globulin, Hepatitis B vaccine, Tetanus booster, Hepatitis B Immune Globulin and/or AZT (Zidovudine) if appropriate. Order screening tests for Hepatitis B, HIV, or Hepatitis C antibodies, or other test as appropriate.
- ii. Order screening tests on the source for Hepatitis B, HIV and, if appropriate, other pathogens.
- iii. Follow-up on all lab studies and advise you of the results and the need for any further treatment. Students will follow all of Step 3. Students are not eligible for worker's compensation.

Occupational Exposure Assessment Fee: All part-time and full-time students pay an occupational exposure fee of \$40 annually. Any needed tests, medications, and follow-up care from any blood and body fluid exposure will be provided by VUMC Occupational Health Clinic at no charge to the student. If charges are incurred from a hospital other than Vanderbilt, the student should bring the invoice(s) to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for payment. The student should not pay the invoices directly.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

This policy is to provide uniformity for students, faculty and staff regarding the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather conditions or other adverse events impacting normal operations of the School of Nursing.

Key Definitions:

Inclement Weather Event: The existence of hazardous weather conditions that pose a threat to life or property.

Yellow Alert Standby for Inclement Weather Announcement: Standby, prepare for inclement weather.

Orange Alert Inclement Weather Announcement: Inclement Weather is in the area and has the potential to disrupt normal medical center operations. The VUMC Emergency Operations Plan is activated and an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is opened to handle the event.

Weather Warning: A warning is issued by the National Weather Service when a hazardous weather event is occurring, imminent, or likely. A warning means weather conditions pose a threat to life or property. People in the path of the storm need to take protective action.

Weather Watch: A watch is used when the risk of hazardous weather has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location, or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide enough lead-time so those who need to set their plans in motion can do so. A watch means hazardous weather is possible. People should have a plan of action in case a storm threatens and they should listen for later information and possible warnings.

Weather Advisory: An advisory is issued by the National Weather Service when hazardous weather is occurring, imminent or likely. Advisories are for less serious conditions than warnings that cause significant inconvenience and if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.

Thunderstorm Watch: An advisory issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development or approach of severe thunderstorms on the Vanderbilt campus.

Thunderstorm Warning: An advisory issued by the National Weather Service when a severe thunderstorm (a storm with winds in excess of 58 miles per hour or with $\frac{3}{4}$ " or larger hail, or both) is indicated on radar.

Faculty/Staff Communications: During Inclement Weather event or other adverse events impacting normal operations faculty/staff are updated via the following communication modes:

1. Overhead Announcements
2. Medical Center Communication email system

3. Emails from the Dean/Senior Associate Deans

Procedure:

Cancellation/Delay of Start Time for a Clinical Rotation:

1. The decision to cancel or delay the start time of a clinical rotation will be made by the faculty member responsible for the clinical.
2. Faculty will communicate with students the status of the clinical in one of the following manners:
 - a. voice mail message left on the faculty member's phone or
 - b. personal phone call to each student by the faculty member.

Cancellation/Delay of Start Time for Classes: The decision to cancel or delay the start time for a class will be made by the faculty member responsible for the class.

Canceled classes/clinicals will be rescheduled at the discretion of the faculty member responsible for the course.

Student Notification Instructions for Cancellation/Delay of start time for classes:

OAK (Blackboard): Faculty will communicate instructions and/or cancellation of classes by:

1. Creating an Announcement posting in OAK (Blackboard)
2. Sending an email to students through the email function in OAK.

In the event of inclement weather, students are required to check OAK (Blackboard) site of each of the classes they are enrolled.

The faculty member is also responsible for notifying the following individuals:

1. Senior Associate Dean for Academics (mavis.schorn@vanderbilt.edu)
2. Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (sarah.ramsey@vanderbilt.edu)
3. Executive Secretary (reception area of Frist Hall) – for notification of students who physically arrive for classes (ellen.smogur@vanderbilt.edu)
4. Technical Specialist – in the event class is being videotaped and technical support needs to be cancelled. (clay.sturgeon@vanderbilt.edu)

In the event the OAK (Blackboard) system is not operational, instructions regarding the cancellation of classes will be posted by the course instructors through use of the Vanderbilt University voicemail system.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Policy: Online social media allow VUSN students to engage in professional and personal conversations. The goal of this policy is to protect both VUSN students as well as the School of Nursing.

The policy represents a set of suggested standards of conduct when students identify themselves with VUSN/VUMC and is not established as a set of formalized rules that will be enforced with punitive consequences. The one exception is any violation of patient privacy protected under regulatory or federal guidelines such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 (P.L.104-191).

Students are personally responsible for the content they publish on blogs, wikis, social networks, forum boards, or any other form of user-generated media. Remember that all content contributed on all platforms becomes immediately searchable and can be immediately shared. This content immediately leaves the contributing individual's control forever and may be traced back to the individual after long periods of time.

VUMC offers support of institutional communication goals, as well as provides social computing guidelines for VUMC faculty and staff engaging in online discourse and identifying themselves with VUMC.

This policy is not intended for internet activities that do not associate or identify a student with VUSN, do not use Vanderbilt email addresses, do not discuss VUMC and are purely about personal matters.

The Purpose of the Social Media Policy: To provide guidelines outlining how Vanderbilt University School of Nursing students support institutional communication goals and social computing guidelines.

Definitions: Social Media Platforms – Technology tools and online spaces for integrating and sharing user-generated content in order to engage constituencies in conversations and allow them to participate in content and community creation. Examples are Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

Procedure/Specific Information:

Official Institutional Web 2.0 Communications: Because of the emerging nature of social media platforms these guidelines do not attempt to name every current and emerging platform. Rather, they apply to those cited and any other online platform available and emerging including social networking sites and sites with user-generated content. Examples include but are not limited to the following:

1. YouTube
2. Facebook

3. iTunes
4. LinkedIn
5. Twitter
6. Blogs

Guidelines for Online Professional or Personal Activity: These guidelines apply to VUSN students who identify themselves with VUSN and/or use their Vanderbilt email address in social media venues such as professional society blogs, LinkedIn, Facebook, etc. for deliberate professional engagement or casual conversation.

1. Follow the same VUMC Credo behavior, HIPAA, Conflict of Interest Policy, Privacy and general civil behavior guidelines cited in this policy including respecting copyrights and disclosures, and not revealing proprietary financial, intellectual property, patient care or similar sensitive or private content inclusive of the posting of client pictures.
 - a. Protect confidential information. While you are posting to your friends, many of the sites are open to anyone browsing or searching. Be thoughtful about what you publish. Do not disclose or use confidential information or that of any other person or agency. Respect HIPAA regulations. Do not post any information about your clinical rotations or clients in any online forum or webpage. A good rule of thumb is that if you wouldn't want what you posted on a social media site to be on the front page of tomorrow's newspaper, credited to you, then don't post it.
2. If an individual identifies themselves as a VUSN student in any online forum and/or use their Vanderbilt email address, the student needs to ensure that it is clear that they are not speaking for VUSN, and what they say is representative of their individual personal views and opinions and not necessarily the views and opinions of VUSN.
3. VUSN Students are thoughtful about how they present themselves in online networks. By virtue of self-identifying as part of VUSN in such a network, students connect themselves to, and reflect upon, VUSN faculty, staff and even patients and donors.
 - a. Be thoughtful about how you present yourself. VUSN students are preparing for a career providing services to the public. VUSN and future employers hold you to a high standard of behavior. By identifying yourself as a VUSN student through postings and personal web pages, you are connected to your colleagues, clinical agencies, and even clients/patients. Ensure that content associated with you is consistent with your professional goals. If you identify yourself as a VUSN student, ensure your profile and related content is consistent

with how you wish to present yourself to colleagues, clients, and potential employers. Remember that all content contributed on all platforms becomes immediately searchable and can be immediately shared with everyone. This content immediately leaves the contributing individual students control forever.

- b. Respect your audience and your coworkers. VUSN is an organization whose students, faculty, and clients have a diverse set of customs, values, and points of view. Don't be afraid to be yourself, but respect others. This includes not only the obvious (no ethnic slurs, personal insults, obscenity, pornographic images etc.) but also proper consideration of privacy and of topics that may be considered objectionable or inflammatory—such as politics and religion. Remember, what may be humorous to some, may be offensive to others. Civility is an important component of on-line communication as well.
4. If someone or some group offers to pay a student for participating in an online forum in their VUSN student role, offers advertising for pay and/or for endorsement, this could constitute conflict of interest and VUMC policies and guidelines apply.
5. If someone from the media or press contacts students staff about posts made in online forums that relates to VUSN/VUMC in any way, students should alert their Specialty Director and contact VUMC News & Communications before responding.
6. At the end of each course, students are provided an avenue to evaluate course materials/faculty. Therefore, social media vehicles are considered inappropriate locations to provide this feedback.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

Student Conduct: The Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards, and Academic Integrity promotes good citizenships within the Vanderbilt University community through education. Students are expected to respect themselves and others, to act responsibly, and to take responsibility for their actions. The student conduct system addresses student violations of university policy through fair, consistent, and confidential procedures.

Vanderbilt University strives to provide an optimal living and learning environment for the entire campus community. The student conduct system applies to all Vanderbilt students and student organizations; it addresses student misconduct allegations through procedures designed to provide a fair hearing and a just decision.

The University's Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards and Academic Integrity has original jurisdiction in all cases of non-academic misconduct involving graduate and professional students. For more information: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/studentconduct/>

VUSN Student Conduct Policy Guidelines:

1. Academic Integrity: Vanderbilt students are bound by the Honor System inaugurated in 1875 when the University opened its doors. Fundamental responsibility for the preservation of the system inevitably falls on the individual student. It is assumed that students will demand of themselves and their fellow students complete respect for the Honor System. The student, by registration, acknowledges the authority of the Honor Council of the School of Nursing. Students are encouraged to review the Honor Code and the role of the School of Nursing Honor Council.
2. Personal Integrity: It is expected that students honestly represent their credentials, abilities, and situation. Behaviors such as altering transcripts or work history or misrepresenting one's financial situation in order to obtain financial aid are prohibited.
3. Professional Integrity: It is expected that students behave in clinical settings in a way that is consistent with the goal of providing optimal patient care. Students' interactions with clients and other professionals in these settings should respect differences and reflect nursing's ultimate commitment to caring.
4. Respect for Person and Property: It is expected that students respect individual differences, welcome diverse viewpoints, and avoid stereotyping. It is important that Vanderbilt University faculty, staff, and students enjoy an environment free from implicit and explicit behavior used to control, influence, or affect the wellbeing of any member of our community. Harassment of individuals based on their race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age or disability is unacceptable and grounds for disciplinary action, and also constitutes a violation of federal law. Equally unacceptable within the University is the harassment of individuals on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Reference: ANTIHARASSMENT POLICY#: HR002. It is the students' responsibility to contribute to the maintenance of the physical environment of the School and the University. Behaviors such as harassment, disruption of class, misuse of materials or facilities of the university library and unauthorized use of services, equipment or facilities are prohibited. Students are also expected to respect their classmates and professors by adhering to general classroom decorum in being punctual, refraining from cell phone usage as well as addressing faculty and students in a respectful tone.
5. Smoking Policy: Smoking and the use of tobacco products is prohibited in all VUMC/VUSN facilities and on the grounds of the Medical Center campus, including the School of Nursing to 21st Avenue. Additionally, smoking and use of tobacco are

banned in all property owned by the Medical Center including vehicles and on property leased by the Medical Center. No medical exceptions are allowed for outpatients or inpatients. The sale of smoking/tobacco material is prohibited on all VUMC properties.

6. Weapons: The use or possession of fireworks, firearms, or other weapons, explosives, or any type of ammunition on university premises is prohibited. (Student use or possession of these materials is prohibited off campus, as well, when such use or possession is illegal or may endanger the health or safety of members of the university community, or the community at large.)
Sports weapons must be kept in the custody of the University Police Department, which is open twenty-four hours a day. It is a felony in the state of Tennessee to carry a weapon on a campus for the purpose of going armed. Air rifles and "BB" guns are considered to be firearms, the use and possession of which are prohibited on campus.
7. Disclosure of offenses post-background check completion: Current VUSN students (includes full and part-time students) are required to immediately report to their Faculty Advisor and the Senior Associate Dean for Academics any arrest, criminal charge or conviction occurring after his or her background check has been completed. Required disclosure also includes but is not limited to; allegations, investigations and/or disciplinary action from any licensing board or agency included under the Nationwide Health Care Fraud and Abuse scan; Office of Inspector General (OIG), General Services Administration (GSA), FDA Debarment Check, Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA), Office of Research Integrity (ORI), and Medicare and Medicaid Sanctions.

The use or possession of stun guns, flying Tasers, cattle prods, liquid stun guns, or other electrical devices designed to disrupt the human neurological system for the purpose of incapacitation is prohibited.

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing students are also under the jurisdiction of Vanderbilt University Student Conduct Policies. These can be accessed by going to the following website: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/student-conduct.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

General Clinical Requirements: The student ID badge is to have first and last names (no nicknames) and no titles. The lab coat is to be white, three-quarter length and have the VUSN nursing patch sewn on the left shoulder. Students are expected to be well groomed and in neat, clean attire at all times. Body piercing jewelry is to be worn in the earlobes only; visible tattoos are to be covered. Clothes should fit properly so as to be professional and appropriate.

Pre-specialty Year Clinical: In all clinical settings (for orientation, patient assignments, or clinic visits), the student is to wear professional dress (no jeans), closed toe shoes, the lab coat with the VUSN nursing patch sewn on left shoulder, and the identification badge clipped to the lapel or collar. Long hair should be off the collar. Fingernails should be short, clean and without polish or acrylic nails. Only a wedding band, watch and one small pair of stud earrings in the ear lobes may be worn during client care.

The student is to wear navy scrubs with the VUSN patch sewn on left shoulder, full leather or non-canvas shoes, white socks and an identification badge. A plain white or navy short-sleeved T-shirt may be worn under the scrubs. Uniforms are to be clean and pressed. Lab coats are to be worn over the uniform to and from the unit but are not to be worn during the clinical experience. Uniforms are to be worn at the clinical site only. If a student is outside the hospital or off the unit dressed in uniform, a lab coat is to be worn.

If at an institution outside VUMC, the student is to follow the dress code for that facility. If there are conflicting guidelines, the student is to contact clinical faculty for direction.

Community Health Clinical: The type of clothing and requirement of lab coat vary with each clinical site and instructor.

Specialty Year Clinical: Requirements for type of clothing, lab coat and any deviation from the "general" clinical dress code are dependent on the specialty instructor and/or course syllabus information and/or clinical site.

Classroom Dress Guideline: The intent is for the student's classroom dress to be comfortable, while the type and fit of clothing reflect mindfulness and respect of community guest speakers, faculty and peers. The specific classroom dress code is at the discretion of the individual faculty in creating a professional environment.

STUDENT RECORDS (BUCKLEY AMENDMENT or FERPA)

Vanderbilt University is subject to the provisions of federal law known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (the Buckley Amendment or FERPA). This act affords matriculated students certain rights with respect to their educational records. These rights include:

- I. The right to inspect and review their education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access: Students should submit to the University Registrar written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the University Registrar does not maintain the records, the student will be directed to the university official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of any part of their education records that a student believes is inaccurate or misleading: Students who wish to request an amendment to their educational record should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the student will be notified of the decision and advised of his or her right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records to third parties, except in situations that FERPA allows disclosure without the student's consent:
 - a. Disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A "school official" is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including University law enforcement personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted; a member of the Board of Trust; or a student serving on an official University committee, such as the Honor Council, Student Conduct Council, or a grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
 - b. To parents if the student is a dependent for tax purposes.
 - c. To appropriate individuals (e.g. parents/guardians, spouses, housing staff, health care personnel, police, etc.) where disclosure is in connection with a health or safety emergency and knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals.
 - d. Information to a parent or legal guardian of a student regarding the student's violation of any federal, state, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the institution, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the university has determined that the student has committed a disciplinary violation with respect to the use or possession and the student is under the age of twenty-one at the time of the disclosure to the parent/guardian.

FERPA provides the University the ability to designate certain student information as "directory information." Directory information may be made available to any person without the student's consent unless the student gives notice as provided for below. Vanderbilt has designated the following as directory information: the student's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, major field of study, school, classification, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weights and heights of members of athletic teams,

dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, and other similar information. Any new entering or currently enrolled student who does not wish disclosure of directory information should notify the University Registrar in writing. No element of directory information as defined above is released for students who request nondisclosure except in situations allowed by law. The request to withhold directory information will remain in effect as long as the student continues to be enrolled, or until the student files a written request with the University Registrar to discontinue the withholding. To continue nondisclosure of directory information after a student ceases to be enrolled, a written request for continuance must be filed with the University Registrar during the student's last term of attendance.

If a student believes the University has failed to comply with the Buckley Amendment, they may file a complaint using the Student Complaint and Grievance Procedure as outlined in the Vanderbilt University Student Handbook. If dissatisfied with the outcome of this procedure, students may file a written complaint with the Family Policy and Regulations Office, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202 (1-800-872-5327) Questions about the application of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act should be directed to the University Registrar or to the Office of the General Counsel.

VUSN: OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS and TELEPHONE NUMBER

Students who change their local or permanent mailing address or telephone number are expected to notify the School of Nursing Registrar (211 Godchaux Hall) immediately. Candidates for degrees who are not in residence should keep the Nursing School Registrar informed of their current mailing address and telephone number. Students may change their address online in the YES system. The student will need their VUnetID and E-password or find the form online at <http://www.registrar.vanderbilt.edu/academicrec/address.htm>

LOST AND FOUND

For items that have been lost or found in the School of Nursing facilities, please see the School of Nursing receptionist, Ellen Smogur.

COMMUNICATION AT VUSN

Contacting a member of the Faculty: Students are encouraged to stay in close contact with their faculty advisers and individual faculty. The faculty are available to help with concerns relating to course content, examinations, and writing assignments. Faculty are eager to be of

assistance to students but are also involved in teaching, research and practice. Therefore, it is important that students make an appointment to see a faculty member. We suggest that e-mail or voice mail is used to arrange a time to see a faculty member. Please do not plan to just drop by.

Emergency Phone Calls: Please remember to give families, day cares and babysitters your schedule each semester so that they will know where you are each day and a phone number where you can be reached. If there is an emergency and a family member tries to call you by calling the School of Nursing receptionist, she will have to make a number of internal calls to find out your schedule and determine whether you are in class or in clinical. She will then have to make several more calls to reach you at your clinical site. All of these calls can take a lot of time and this system is not advisable in an emergency situation. If you have small children, you might want to consider investing in a pager or a cell phone equipped with a vibrating ringer. In any case, it is of utmost importance that you be diligent in informing caregivers where you are each day of the week.

E-mail: All full-time faculty, staff, and students can be reached via e-mail from any computer terminal in the Frist Nursing Informatics Center or through internet access. It is expected that students check e-mail frequently and use e-mail to communicate with faculty. E-mail is the preferred way for faculty and staff to contact students.

Voice Mail: Most faculty and staff are on the Vanderbilt Voice Mail System. If the person you are trying to contact does not answer the phone after five rings, the voice mail system will automatically pick up your call, and you can leave a message 24 hours a day.

Student Mailboxes: Student mailboxes are located in the Student Lounge. These mailboxes are for internal use only and are reserved for memos and messages to students from the school administration as well as correspondence from faculty members to students. Please do not use these mailboxes for personal correspondence from family or friends.

Faculty/Staff Mailboxes: Mailboxes for faculty and staff are located in the mailroom behind the receptionist's desk (Room 150B Nursing Annex).

PARKING

Distance Students: Those who will only be on campus during the required face-to-face block sessions and need a parking space have the following options:

Use the automated pay stations located at Wesley Place Garage (2043 Scarritt Place) or Terrace Place Garage (21st & Terrace Avenue). Daily coin box rate is \$10.00/day on weekdays and \$5.00/day on Saturday and Sunday. The most convenient garage is Wesley Place Garage

which is located across the street from the School of Nursing. Additional assistance or questions should be directed to Central Parking in Nashville at (615) 259-3898.

Students who live nearby: Those who plan on using the resources available at Vanderbilt beyond the face-to-face block sessions may purchase a regular week-day parking permit from VUMC Parking Facilities located on the ground level in the VUH Garage across from the hospital (615-936-1215). All VUSN students purchasing parking permits are required to park in the South Garage. Students need to present their VUMC ID, and current state vehicle registration certificate when registering. The student will receive an access card that operates the entry and exit gates, and a decal. Decals for additional vehicles may be obtained at no additional charge. Replacement cards for a lost card will incur a \$5.00 charge.

Students who are already Vanderbilt employees may continue to use their valid access card for that garage.

VUSN: REGISTRATION

Registration: Each semester, at a time specified in the calendar, all students are required to confer with their academic advisers and register for courses for the next semester. Priority for available space in a course is given to students who register by the published deadline. Students are requested to have alternatives for any course that may not be obtainable. Registration for classes is done by computer on Your Enrollment Services (YES). Students should check carefully with their faculty advisers concerning progress toward completing degree requirements and to make necessary revisions in their program of studies. The School of Nursing requires continuous registration of all degree candidates. Responsibility to maintain registration rests with the student. To retain student status, the student must register each fall, spring, and summer semester or secure an approved leave of absence. Students who are registered for zero hours in order to satisfy requirements for an incomplete grade are considered degree candidates. Students registering for zero hours for the express purpose of completing an incomplete grade are charged one-half credit hour tuition plus the liability fee.

How to Register: Log in to YES (Your Enrollment Services) either on the VU home page under quick links or on the VUSN home page under Current Students, Resources with Restricted Access, YES. The landing page will provide you with links to all academic applications, including student registration.

General Navigation:

- I. To navigate to the applications, use the icons below your student photo or the applications tab in your navigation bar at the top of the screen. The

navigation bar is the same throughout many of your academic applications. Select the student registration link from your navigation bar or the available icons.

2. The registration application uses carousel navigation within the class search and catalog search and schedule. Within the class search carousel, you can view your cart and your enrolled classes by selecting the appropriate link at the top right of your screen.

Quick Class Search:

1. The search engine allows users to search classes available in a specific term based on Subject Area (NURS), course number, and Class Title (i.e., Foundations of Professional Nursing I).
2. “Search as you type” technology returns results after 3 characters have been entered and refines results as additional characters are entered.
3. Results show the class section number, enrollment numbers, credit hours, meeting pattern and times, meeting locations (if known) and instructor(s) displayed. If the meeting times are TBA, a note will direct the student to see the block schedule for his/her specialty on the VUSN website.

Detailed Class Enrollment Information:

1. The student can place courses into the cart as soon as the school’s schedule is posted. To enroll in all of the classes you have put into your cart, select “enroll” next to each course in the cart. Then click “submit.”
2. Three indicators will be used to show a particular class status. The green dot means the class is open for enrollment, the blue square refers to a closed class, and the orange triangle indicates that the class is in wait-list status. Students needing enrollment in a class that is CLOSED (blue square), should contact Logan Key, Registrar, at logan.key@vanderbilt.edu for assistance.
3. Confirmation of enrollment will be found in messages at the bottom of the screen after enrollment. These messages either indicate that the student has successfully enrolled in the class or that the student was not enrolled. If the student is not successfully enrolled, the error message will explain why.

Enrolled Classes: The enrolled classes’ page will show all of a student’s enrollments for each term.

Dropping a Class: To drop a class, the student must be within an open enrollment period. If not, contact the school registrar, Logan Key. To drop a class, simply click the red minus sign next to the class you wish to drop. The system will ask “are you sure you want to drop this class?” Choose “yes” or “no.” Once the system has dropped you from the class, it will no

longer show in the enrolled classes list. To see the dropped class, select the dropped filter checkbox at the upper right of your screen, and the dropped class will appear on this list.

Grading Basis: If the student wishes to take a course Pass/Fail, it is necessary to consult the instructor and then contact the school registrar.

Enrolling in a Variable Credit Class: To edit the hours of a variable credit class, use the same blue notebook icon to the right of the class. Use the hours dropdown to select the number of hours.

Viewing Your Schedule: To view your schedule, select “schedule” in your navigation bar.

Catalog Search: The catalog search is a digitized and searchable copy of all university courses including credit hours and course descriptions.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES AND THE ACADEMIC PLANNER

During the first semester of study, all students must update the academic planner in YES (YOUR ENROLLMENT SERVICES). Students will have an adviser registration hold each semester. This hold will be released by the faculty adviser after consultation with the student and adviser review of the academic planner.

To navigate to the student’s Academic Planner:

Navigate to YES at <http://yes.vanderbilt.edu>.

1. Under the Applications tab choose Course Catalog.
2. On the right side of the screen click inside the gray box that says “PLANNER.”
3. Once inside the planner, the Filter can be used to narrow the list by the semester for which it has been tagged.

To add a new course to the planner:

1. Go back to the Catalog Search and enter the course.
2. Click on the blue plus sign next to that course in the search results
3. Go to the Planner and the most recently added course(s) will appear at the bottom of the list.

To remove a course from your planner:

1. Click on the red “minus” icon next to the course in the planner list and it will be removed.

Tagging:

1. In the planner, click on the blue icon that looks like a tag next to the course.
2. In the window that appears, tags can be added by clicking on a term in the “Add Tags” section.
3. Tags can be removed by clicking on the red “minus” icon under “Current Tags.”
4. DO NOT tag a course with more than one term.

Remember, the Academic Planner is NOT the same as registration. Registering for courses for each term is still required. See HOW TO REGISTER.

If you need additional help, please watch the helpful tutorial at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/helpcontent>.

When a change in the program or absence from the school for one or more semesters is anticipated, students must file an approved change of status form with the adviser. Full and part-time programs of studies are available in this handbook as part of the curriculum plan for each specialty. Request for Change of Status forms are available on the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing website at www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/current/forms.html. Copies are to be filed with the faculty adviser and the School of Nursing registrar.

Students who wish to alter the required program of studies may petition to do so by giving justification for the request and proposing an alternative program of study, which must be approved by the academic adviser, Specialty Director, and Senior Associate Dean for Academics.

Students on academic probation who wish to alter their program of study must petition for review by the M.S.N. Student Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee.

VUSN: LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

REGISTERED NURSE (R.N.) LICENSURE

Students are eligible to apply to the National Council on Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a Registered Nurse (R.N.) upon meeting the requirements specified by the Tennessee State Board of Nursing and upon recommendation by the faculty and the Dean. The following requirements must be met: (a) completion of the Pre-Specialty portion of the curriculum; (b) good academic standing (semester and cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above); and (c) no grade below a C in a didactic course and no grade below a B in a clinical course, and no Incomplete grades. Students who are ineligible to take the NCLEX-RN after completing the

appropriate sequence of courses will not be allowed to register for a course with a clinical component.

Students who are not Registered Nurses are required to take examinations specified by the Associate Dean to prepare for the NCLEX. Generally, an assessment test is administered to students after completion of Nursing 247B.

Students who are not successful on the NCLEX will not be allowed to enroll in a specialty course with a clinical component. Once an R.N. license is obtained, the student may enroll in courses with a clinical component. The program of study for full-time students may be altered because of the delay in being able to participate in clinical courses.

Reporting NCLEX results: Students must notify their Specialty Director of their NCLEX results within 48 hours of receiving results and must turn in a copy of their R.N. Licensure to the Clinical Placement Office. Students who have failed the NCLEX will not be allowed to participate in any clinical activities until after they have successfully passed the NCLEX. Failure to notify the clinical instructor and Specialty Director of failure of the NCLEX will result in immediate dismissal from the school. Students must make an appointment with the Senior Associate Dean for Academics and must submit a plan of study for preparation for the NCLEX second taking. Students must make contact for an appointment with the Senior Associate Dean within a week of receiving results.

Preparation for the NCLEX: Students are encouraged to complete the following activities to prepare for the NCLEX:

Review individual results of the HESI assessment test. Students scoring less than an acceptable number on this assessment test are considered at high “risk” for not passing NCLEX on the first attempt and will be required to re-take the assessment test.

Register for a review course. VUSN hosts a review course, generally offered through Kaplan and Associates. The four-day review course is based on the actual NCLEX Test plan and is taught by nursing practitioners/educators with special expertise in NCLEX reviews.

At the time of publication, the cost is approximately \$400. The price includes computer software and home study materials. For more information, contact Kaplan at

2404 West End Avenue, Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37203, (615) 321-5199.

Assess how you study best for a major cumulative exam. Some students find it helpful to form study groups, purchase audio or videotapes or individualized computer software, or even use NCLEX review flash cards. Most students find that using a combination of strategies helps their confidence and performance on the first attempt of the NCLEX.

Assess your level of test anxiety. If you have experienced test anxiety when taking standardized tests in the past or during nursing tests, please schedule an appointment with the Counseling Center prior to taking the NCLEX.

The Pre-Specialty curriculum gives students the theoretical knowledge necessary to be successful on the NCLEX; however, it is each student's responsibility to determine his/her mastery of the information and appropriately prepare to take the NCLEX.

Each summer, a mandatory session is held by the Senior Associate Dean for Academics for students who anticipate taking the NCLEX during the fall semester. This session reviews student eligibility for taking the NCLEX, advises students regarding preparation, and provides students with all necessary forms for registering for NCLEX.

The NCLEX is administered in Nashville at the Pearson Professional Center, Riverview Office Bldg., 545 Mainstream Drive, Suite 410, Nashville, TN 37228; Phone (615) 255-8672.

Students entering in the fall of 2014 must take the NCLEX and receive their R.N. licenses by October 15, 2015.

OUT OF STATE R.N. LICENSURE

It is recommended that all students receive their initial R.N. licensure in Tennessee. Students wishing to obtain an R.N. license in a state other than Tennessee will need to consult the State Board of Nursing in that state.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Graduates are encouraged to become certified in their specialty and should consult their program directors for details. Certification is offered through several professional nursing organizations including the American Nurses' Association. Graduates of each specialty are eligible to sit for the certification exams specific to their specialty. Some exams require documented clinical work hours. For more information, please visit the website specific to your specialty:

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)

Family Nurse Practitioner

American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

The National Certification Corporation (NCC)

Nurse-Midwifery

American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Acute Care Certified Pediatric NP Examination
(CPNP-AC)

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Family)

American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

The National Certification Corporation (NCC)

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY: CAMPUS RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SARRATT STUDENT CENTER

The Sarratt Student Center offers a wide variety of activities for students, faculty, and staff. Programs include exhibits in the Sarratt Gallery, films in the Sarratt Cinema, art studios, the Overcup Oak restaurant and pub, and conference and meeting rooms available by reservation.

Hours of Operation:

Fall and Spring semesters: 24 hours a day (card access after 12:00 a.m. for students only)

Summer semester: Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. (varies per event)

Summer hours are posted on the door

*NOTE: hours and access are limited during breaks

The Sarratt Student Center sponsors many other events and activities throughout the year that enrich the cultural life of the University. The student-run Vanderbilt Programming Board offers various activities throughout the academic year. The Sarratt Box Office, located on the first floor of Sarratt Student Center, sells tickets for most campus events and is a Ticketmaster

outlet. Ticketmaster Box Office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday (hours are limited during breaks and the summer) and payment methods include cash, Commodore Card, Visa, and MasterCard. Tickets to most Vanderbilt events are significantly discounted for undergraduate and graduate students. Call (615) 343-3361 for information regarding upcoming events. For more information, go to <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/studentcenters>.

VANDERBILT OFFICE OF CAMPUS RECREATION

The Office of Campus Recreation sponsors a wide spectrum of indoor and outdoor activities and sports for students, faculty and staff. Programs include Intramurals, Outdoor Recreation, Club Sports, Informal Recreation, Aquatics, and Youth Programs. The Office also oversees the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center, a state-of-the-art facility that includes 14,000 sq. ft. of fitness space, a field house featuring a turf field and 300 meter track, 25-yard multipurpose pool, strength and aerobic conditioning room, 3 basketball / volleyball courts, auxiliary Gym, 4 lane bowling alley, 6 racquetball courts, 2 squash courts, indoor elevated track (9.2 laps / mile), 10 multipurpose activity rooms, demo kitchen, lounge with big-screen TV, Smoothie King and more! All fee paying students may use the center and memberships are available to all others. Call (615) 343-6627 for information on membership, specific activities and center hours.

For more information, go to <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/recreationandwellnesscenter>

VUSN: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL NURSING COUNCIL

The purpose of the Graduate/Professional Nursing Council is to serve as a liaison between graduate and professional students, faculty and administration in the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and the general university community. The Council provides a framework for vocalization of graduate and Pre-Specialty students' needs, serves as representatives for graduate and Pre-Specialty students, procures representatives to delegated VUSN and University committees, and promotes social interaction within and outside VUSN.

The membership of the Council is composed of voting student representatives currently enrolled at VUSN. The representation will be composed of 10 members and 2 alternates from the Pre-Specialty year (9 Pre-Specialty and 1 Pre-Specialty R.N.), and 10 members and 2 alternates from the graduate year. The Graduate Council solicits members through a self-nomination process. Interested students are encouraged to complete a self-nomination form, which is given to all new students at Orientation. Graduate-year representatives must have completed all Pre-Specialty courses prior to election. Each representative serves a one-year term (September - August).

If representatives are absent from more than two Council meetings without legitimate and/or unforeseen cause, they will be removed from the Council.

SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1922 by six nursing students at Indiana University, Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership. The Iota chapter is based at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, and was the eighth chapter founded in 1953. Sigma Theta Tau has grown over the years to include more than 90 countries and territories, and the 406 chapters are located on 503 college and university campuses in the U.S. and countries including Canada, Hong Kong, Pakistan, South Korea, Australia and Taiwan.

Membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students, who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing.

Criteria for membership as a graduate student are:

1. Completed at least one fourth of the graduate program
2. Grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (via official transcript)

The application deadline for membership in Iota chapter is in spring and will be announced.

<http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/organizations/STT/>

BLACK STUDENT NURSES ORGANIZATION

In the early 1990s, the Black Student Nurses Organization (BSNO) was founded by a group of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing African-American students. The students felt a need for an organization that focused on the socio-cultural needs of African-American nursing students. BSNO also focused on mentoring of first-year nursing students by second-year students. A host of activities were held during the year to assist students with exploring the roles of advanced practice nurses in the health work force. Since that time, the BSNO has served as a resource network for many students. In 2005, several of the BSNO members became charter members of the Nashville Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association. By this professional affiliation, the BSNO will continue to make local and national contributions to nursing.

AMERICAN ASSEMBLY FOR MEN IN NURSING

The mission of American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) is to provide a framework for nurses, as a group, to meet, to discuss and influence factors which affect men as nurses.

Members of AAMN have a voice in local, state and national events that impact nursing and male

nurses. The National Board of Directors, Chapter Leaders, and Committee Members are all members of the national Assembly. Refer to the webpage at:

<http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/organizations/aamn/index.html>

NURSING STUDENTS FOR CHOICE

Nursing Students for Choice (NSFC) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to reproductive health advocacy. NSFC strives to make choice a reality for all women, recognizing that nurses are frontline health care practitioners, patient advocates, and community health educators. For more information please visit <http://www.nursingstudentsforchoice.org>.

NSFC is a national grassroots organization dedicated to advancing and securing reproductive health and justice for all. Recognizing that nurses are frontline health care practitioners, patient advocates, and community health educators, NSFC fulfills its mission by (i) advocating for substantially increased reproductive health and abortion training for nurses; (ii) organizing a nationwide network of nursing student activists; (iii) supporting the leadership of nursing students and all nurses in the reproductive justice movement; (iv) collaborating across the nursing profession and with other health care providers to maximize resources and expertise; and (v) creating a new generation of reproductive health and abortion provider nurses.

VUSN: TRADITIONS

STUDENT EVENTS

A number of formal and informal student events are planned each year.

A Pinning Ceremony is planned for the end of each semester after students complete their degree requirements.

Brown-Bag Lunches and continental breakfasts with the Dean.

Martin Luther King, Jr. lecture and reception in January. Students are also invited to hear other speakers who may be visiting the School.

BBQ supper for new students.

All school party sponsored by the Graduate Student Council.

Student-to-student Mentoring Event – An opportunity for Specialty year students to meet with First year students to answer questions and offer advice.

CLASS PICTURE – COMPOSITE

Students who intend to graduate in May, August, or December of 2014 will be eligible to have their pictures taken for the master composite which hangs in Godchaux Hall.

A photographer will be on campus in December and January to take individual photographs. You will receive a notice via e-mail advising you when and where to sign up. The cost is approximately \$25.00 for your picture proofs and an 11 x 14 copy of the master composite. It is important that you make every effort to schedule an appointment when the photographers are on campus, as makeups are difficult and costly. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs if you wish. Health Systems Management students will be offered the option of submitting their own pictures. Regalia will be provided for the purpose. For additional information, contact Sarah Ramsey, 217 Godchaux Hall (615) 343-3334.

GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT

To participate in the Commencement ceremony, degree candidates must have satisfactorily completed all curriculum requirements, have passed all prescribed examinations, and be free of all indebtedness to the University. The University holds its annual Commencement ceremony in May at the end of the spring semester. A student completing degree requirements will be officially graduated, however, at the close of the semester in which the degree is earned, with such graduation recorded on the student's permanent record. Graduations are posted on diplomas three times per year: May, August, and December. Students who graduate at the close of summer semester (August) or the fall semester (December) are encouraged to join spring graduates in the next graduation ceremony. Those unable to do so may receive their diplomas by mail.

INVESTITURE

The School of Nursing Investiture Ceremony immediately follows the University Commencement ceremony in May. It is at Investiture that each graduate is adorned or "invested" with the academic hood signifying completion of the master's degree. A reception for all the graduates and their families and friends follows the Investiture ceremony. Specific instructions concerning Commencement and Investiture are mailed to August, December, and May graduates during the month of March.

Graduates will receive information from both the School of Nursing and the University Registrar's office. For further information regarding Commencement and Investiture, contact Sarah Ramsey, 217 Godchaux Hall (615) 343-3334.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Founder's Medal: The Founder's Medal, signifying first honors, was endowed by Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt as one of his gifts to the University. The Founder's Medal is conferred annually upon the graduating student in the School of Nursing who, in the judgment of the faculty, has achieved the strongest record in the areas of professional and academic performance in meeting the requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing degree or Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. In order to receive the Founder's Medal, the graduate must attend Commencement and Investiture.

Amy Frances Brown Prize for Excellence in Writing: This prize is awarded each year in which there is a worthy candidate among the graduates of the School of Nursing. The selection is based upon papers submitted to meet course requirements in either the Pre-Specialty or specialty nursing component of the curriculum. This award is presented at "Pinning."

Luther Christman Award: This award is presented to the Pre-Specialty student with the most outstanding skills in the clinical area. This award is presented at the luncheon at the end of the Specialty year.

Specialty Awards: These awards are presented to the most outstanding graduating student in each specialty. The choice of recipients is based on academic achievement, excellence in clinical practice, demonstrated leadership, community service, and potential for future contributions in the nursing profession. These awards are presented at the "Pinning" ceremony.

The Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Service and Leadership to School or Community: Students are nominated from the graduating class by faculty and their peers. Standards of selection are that the student must display leadership and ongoing commitment to community service. They must reflect a positive image of VUSN to the community through hands-on volunteerism. Finally, they must demonstrate enthusiasm and support of VUSN among classmates and faculty through leadership and involvement in school activities.

The VUSN Alumni Association Board of Directors Student Relation Committee reviews nominations and selects the award recipient with approval of the Dean.

SCHOOL OF NURSING PINS

The Dean of the School of Nursing purchases an official School of Nursing pin for each graduate. You will be asked to complete an order form for your pin, including your school, program, name, address, and phone number and will have the opportunity at that time to add a guard or to upgrade the metal quality of the pin. You will be required to pay for only the

addition of a guard or upgrade at the time your order is placed. The pin will be awarded in May, August, and December at the pinning ceremonies to students who have completed all degree requirements. Students completing the post-master's certificate do earn academic credit that is reflected on a VUSN transcript, but they do not receive a master's degree or a Vanderbilt University School of Nursing pin. The pin is presented only to those students who complete an M.S.N. at VUSN.

VUSN: FORMS

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing forms may be found on the VUSN website at <http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu>. Click on "Resources for Current Students," "Academic Support Services, M.S.N. Forms."

VUSN: CURRICULUM PLANS

See pages 85 - 142 of this handbook for Curriculum Plans and Programs of Study for each program and specialty area.

Required Hours for Pre-Specialty Component Pre-Specialty Curriculum Plan

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours	
Fall I	N215	Legal and Ethical Accountability in Prof. Nursing Practice	2	0	56		56	
	N220	Principles of Client-Centered Care	1	14			14	
	N225	Enhancement of Community and Population Health I	2	21		40	61	
	N235	Human Experience of Health and Illness Across the Lifespan I	4	56			56	
	N245	Fundamentals of Clinical Practice	5	21		140	40	201
	N255A	Pharmacology for Nursing Care I	2	28			28	
	Semester Total		16	140	56	180	40	416
Spring II	N216	Inquiry & Evidence in Prof. Nursing Practice	2		56		56	
	N226	Enhancement of Community and Population Health II	3	21	14	70	105	
	N236	Human Experience of Health and Illness Across the Lifespan II	5	70			70	
	N246	Integration of Theoretical & Clinical Aspects of Nursing I	3			240	240	
	N255B	Pharmacology for Nursing Care II	2	28			28	
	Semester Total		15	119	70	310	0	499
Summer III	N217	Leadership and Management in Prof. Nursing Practice	2		56		56	
	N227	Enhancement of Community and Population Health III	2	14		70	84	
	N237	Human Exp. of Health & Illness Across the Lifespan III	4	56			56	
	N247A	Integration of Theoretical & Clinical Aspects of Nursing II	1			80	80	
	N247B	Capstone Clinical Practicum	2			140	140	
	N256	Pharmacology for Nursing Care III	1	14			14	
	Semester Total		12	84	56	290	0	430
Program Total		43	343	182	780	40	1,345	

**Required Hours for Pre-Specialty Component
A.S.N.-M.S.N. Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N218A Critical Thinking, Supporting Evidence, and Communication, Part I	3	28	28			56
	N228 Epidemiology and Population-Based Nursing	3	28	28			56
	N237 Human Experience of Health and Illness Across the Lifespan III	4	56				56
	N238 Health Care Systems and the Role of the Nurse as the Facilitator of Learning	3	42				42
	Semester Total		13	154	56	0	0
Spring II	N218B Critical Thinking, Supporting Evidence, and Communication, Part I	2	14	28			42
	N219 Ethics in Nursing Practice	2	14	28			42
	N248 Health Assessment for the R.N.	3	28			70	98
	N249 Providing Care at the Community Level	3	21		105		126
	N259 Pharmacology for the R.N.	3	42				42
	Semester Total		13	119	56	105	0
Program Total		26	273	112	105	70	560

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
A.S.N.-M.S.N. SPECIALTY YEAR**

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N218A Critical Thinking Supporting Evidence and Communication, Prt. I	3 hours
N228 Epidemiology and Population-based Nursing	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N218B Critical Thinking Supporting Evidence and Communication, Prt. II	2 hours
N219 Ethics in Nursing Practice	2 hours
N249 Providing Care at the Community Level	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
No coursework	
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N237 Human Experience of Health & Illness Across the Lifespan III	4 hours
N238 Health Care Systems and Role of the Nurse as Facilitator of Learning	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N248 Health Assessment for the R.N.	3 hours
N259 Pharmacology for the R.N.	3 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
No coursework	
Total	26 hours

**Required Hours for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
Nurse Practitioner Specialty Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305B Adv Hlth Assess Apps for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP	1			60		60
	N305F and N306A Adv Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49
	N306A Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4	56				56
	N307C Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N340A Pathophysiology and Collaborative Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP I	3	42				42
Semester Total		14	175	0	60	14	249
Spring II	N340B Pathophysiology and Collaborative Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gero ACNP II	3	42				42
	N342A Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	4			280		280
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Elective	2	28				28
	Semester Total		12	98	28	280	0
Summer III	N340C Pathophysiology and Collaborative Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gero ACNP III	3	42				42
	N343 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4			280		280
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Hlth Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		13	112	28	280	0
Program Total		39	385	56	620	14	1,075

**PART-TME PROGRAM OF STUDY
ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER
2-Year Option**

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N306A Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4 hours
N307C Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
<u>Spring 1</u>	
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
Elective (or may be taken in the summer)	2 hours
<u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 credits
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice Elective (if not taken during Spring 1)	3 credits
<u>Fall 2</u>	
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N305F Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N340A Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	3 hours
<u>Spring 2</u>	
N340B Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	3 hours
N342A Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	4 hours
<u>Summer 2</u>	
N340C Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	3 hours
N343 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours
Total	39 hours

PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM
 3-Year Plan: VUMC employees only

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N306A Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
Elective (or summer)	2 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice Elective (if not taken Spring for 3 credits)	3 hours
Year 1 Total	12 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N307C Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N340A Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N340B Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	3 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N340C Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	<u>3 hours</u>
Year 2 Total	15 hours
 <u>Fall 3</u>	
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application	1 hour
N305F Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
 <u>Spring 3</u>	
N342A Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	4 hours
 <u>Summer 3</u>	
N343 Adult-Gerontology Acute Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours
Year 3 Total	<u>12 hours</u>
Total	39 hours

**SAMPLE CURRICULUM PLAN FOR POST-MASTER'S STUDY
ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM ***

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP	1 hour
N305F Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N306A Advanced Physiologic and Pathophysiologic Foundations	4 hours
N307C Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N340A Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	3 hours
 <u>Spring</u>	
N340B Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	3 hours
N342A Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	4 hours
 <u>Summer</u>	
N340C Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	3 hours
N343 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	<u>4 hours</u>
Total	28 hours

* Sample only. Submit M.S.N. transcript and resume to Dr. Joan King, ACNP Specialty Director at (615) 343-3278 for portfolio analysis to outline program of studies. If transcript has documentation for an advanced physiologic and pathophysiologic course (N306A) and health assessment course (N305F), these courses do not need to be repeated. All course work for Post-Master's study is available in modified distance format.

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**Required Hours for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Intensivist Option Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305B Adv Health Assessment Applications for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP	1			60		60
	N305F Adv Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49
	N306A Advanced Physiology And Pathophysiology	4	56				56
	N307C Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N340A Pathophysiology and Collab Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP I	3	42				42
Semester Total		14	175	0	60	14	249
Spring II	N340B Pathophysiology and Collaborative Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP II	3	42				42
	N342C Adult-Gerontology ACNP Practicum in Intensive Care	3			210		210
	N396D Critical Care Concepts for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP Intensivist	3	42				42
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		12	112	28	210	0
Summer III	N340C Pathophysiology and Collaborative Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP III	3	42				42
	N343C Adv Adult-Gerontology ACNP Intensivist Practicum	3			210		210
	N343D Adv Adult-Gerontology ACNP Intensivist Preceptorship	2			140		140
	N396E Adv Simulation Lab I	1				14	14
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Hlth Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		15	112	28	350	14
Program Total		41	399	56	620	28	1,103

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER
INTENSIVIST OPTION
(2-Year Option)**

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N306A Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4 hours
N307C Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 A.P.N. Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N305F Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N340A Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N340B Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care For the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	3 hours
N342C Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum in Intensive Care	3 hours
N396D Critical Care Concepts for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP Intensivist	3 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N340C Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Adult- Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	3 hours
N343C Advanced Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	3 hours
N343D Advanced Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Intensivist Preceptorship	2 hours
N396E Advanced Simulation Lab I	1 hour
Total	41 hours

**Required Hours for
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner:
Emergency Care Focus Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305B Adv Health Assess Apps for Dual ACNP/FNP Sp.	1			70		70
	N305F Adv Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49
	N306A Adv Physiology and Pathophysiology	4	56				56
	N307C Adv Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N340A Pathophysiology and Collaborative Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gero ACNP I	3	42				42
	Semester Total		14	175	0	70	14
Spring II	N340B Pathophysiology and Collaborative Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gero ACNP II	3	42				42
	N342B Adult-Gero ACNP Practicum	2			140		140
	N361A The Context of Primary Care: FNP Domains and Core Comp. for Practice	2	28				28
	N396F Special Topics: Concepts of Emergency Nursing*	3	28			14	98
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		13	126	28	140	14
Summer III	N340C Pathophysiology and Collaborative Mgmt in Acute Care for the Adult-Gero ACNP III	3	42				42
	N343B Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4			280		280
	N395 APN Role Within the US Health Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N397A Practicum in Emergency Care I	1			70		70
	N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		14	112	28	350	0

**Required Hours for
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner:
Emergency Care Focus Curriculum Plan, continued**

Fall IV	N307	Adv Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42			42	
	N308	Pathophysiologic Concepts	3	42			42	
	N309A	Adv Pract Nursng in Primary Care of the Adult	3	42			42	
	N309C	Adv Pract Nrsng in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1	14			14	
	N363A	Practicum in Primary Health Care of Adult for Dual Specialty	3		210		210	
	Semester Total			13	140	0	210	0
Spring V	N309B	Adv Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Child	2	28			28	
	N309D	Adv Practice Nursing in Prim Care of the Elderly	1	14			14	
	N309E	Adv Practice Nursing in Prim Care of Women	1	14			14	
	N362	Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Child and Adolescent	2		140		140	
	N364A	Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for Dual Specialty	3		210		210	
	N397B	Practicum in Emergency Care II	1		70		70	
	Semester Total			10	56	0	420	0
Program Total			64	609	56	1190	28	1939

* 2 credit hours if taken as an elective by other specialties

PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner:
Emergency Care Focus Curriculum Plan

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N306A Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4 hours
N307C Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N361A Context of Primary Care: FNP Domains & Competencies for Practice	2 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the US Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Apps for Dual ACNP/FNP Spec.	1 hour
N305F Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N340A Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N340B Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	3 hours
N342B Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	2 hours
N396F Special Topics: Concepts in Emergency Nursing	3 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N340C Pathophysiology and Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	3 hours
N343B Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours
N397A Practicum in Emergency Care I	1 hour
 <u>Fall 3</u>	
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N309A Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adult	3 hours
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour

PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner:
Emergency Care Focus Curriculum Plan, continued

Spring 3

N309B	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Child	2 hours
N309D	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Elderly	1 hour
N309E	Primary Care of Women	1 hour
N362	Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Child and Adolescent	2 hours
N397B	Practicum in Emergency Care II	1 hour

Summer 3

N363A	Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Adult for Dual Specialty	3 hours
N364A	Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for Dual Specialty	3 hours

64 hours

**Required Hours for
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305A	Adv Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3	35		14	49
	N305B	Adv Health Assmt Apps for Adult Nurse Practice	1			28	28
	N307	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42			42
	N308	Pathophysiologic Concepts	3	42			42
	N310A	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care I	3	42			42
	Semester Total		13	161	0	0	42
Spring II	N309C	Adv Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1	14			14
	N309E	Adv Practice Nursing in Prim Care of the Woman	1	14			14
	N310B	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care II	3	42			42
	N310C	Adv Concepts of Aging	2	28			28
	N365A	AGPCNP Clinical 1	4			280	280
	N399A	Scientific Underpinnings for Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28		56
	Semester Total		14	126	28	280	
Summer III	N368	Essential Procedures for Primary Care Provider	2	28			28
	N310D	Concepts of Mental Health Across the Adult Lifespan	1	14			14
	N365B	AGPCNP Clinical II	4			280	280
	N395	APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3	42			42
	N399B	Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28		56
	Semester Total		13	112	28	280	0
Program Total		40	399	56	560	42	1,057

PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER
 2-Year Option

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N309E Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Woman	1 hour
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the AGPCNP	1 hour
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N310A Adult-Gerontology Primary Care I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N310B Adult-Gerontology Primary Care II	3 hours
N310C Advanced Concepts in the Care of the Elderly	2 hours
N365A Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I	4 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N310D Concepts in Mental Health Across the Adult Lifespan	1 hour
N365B Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II	4 hours
N368 Essential Procedures for the Primary Care Provider	2 hours
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Total	40 hours

PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER
 3-Year Plan
 VUMC Employees Only

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
N309E Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Woman	1 hour
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N368 Essential Procedures for the Primary Care Provider	2 hours
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the Adult Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N310A Adult-Gerontology Primary Care I	3 hour
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N310B Adult-Gerontology Primary Care II	3 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 3</u>	
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
 <u>Spring 3</u>	
N365A Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I	4 hours
N310C Advanced Concepts in the Care of the Elderly	2 hours
 <u>Summer 3</u>	
N365B Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II	4 hours
N310D Concepts of Mental Health Across the Adult Lifespan	<u>1 hour</u>
Total	40 hours

**SAMPLE CURRICULUM PLAN FOR POST-MASTER'S STUDY
ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER***

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the Adult Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N310A Adult-Gerontology Primary Care I	3 hours
 <u>Spring</u>	
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
N309E Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Woman	1 hour
N310B Adult-Gerontology Primary Care II	3 hours
N310C Advanced Concepts in the Care of the Elderly	2 hours
N365A Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I	4 hours
 <u>Summer</u>	
N310D Concepts of Mental Health Across the Adult Lifespan	1 hours
N365B Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II	4 hours
N368 Essential Procedures for the Primary Care Provider	2 hours

Total	31 hours

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Required Hours for Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Curriculum Plan

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours	
Fall I	N305A Adv Health Assess/ Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49	
	N305B Adv Health Assess Apps for the FNP	1				28	28	
	N307 Adv Pharmaco- therapeutics	3	42				42	
	N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3	42				42	
	N309A Adv Pract Nrsng in Primary Care of the Adult	3	42				42	
	N309C Adv Pract Nrsng in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1	14				14	
	Semester Total		14	175	0	0	42	217
Spring II	N309B Adv Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Child	2	28				28	
	N309D Adv Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Elderly	1	14				14	
	N309E Adv Pract Nursing in the Primary Care of the Woman	1	14				14	
	N360A Practicum in Primary Health Care of Family	4			280		280	
	N361A The Context of Prim Care: FNP Domains & Core Competencies for Practice	2	28				28	
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings For Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56	
	Semester Total		13	112	28	280		420
	Summer III	N360B Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Family	1			70		70
N360C Clinical Decision Making for the Family Nurse Practitioner		1		22	14		36	
N364 Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship		4			280		280	
N395 APN Role Within US Health Care Delivery System		3	42				42	
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Adv Nursing Practice		3	28	28			56	
Semester Total		12	70	50	364	0	484	
Program Total		39	357	78	644	42	1,121	

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
2-Year Option**

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N361A Context of Primary Care: FNP Domains & Competencies for Practice	2 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within US Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application for the FNP	1 hour
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N309A Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adult	3 hours
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N309B Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Child	2 hours
N309D Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Elderly	1 hour
N309E Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Woman	1 hour
N360A Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Family	4 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N360B Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Family	1 hours
N360C Clinical Decision Making for the Family Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N364 Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours
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Total	39 hours

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
3-Year Plan VUMC Employees Only**

Fall 1

N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts (may take fall or spring) 3 hours

Spring 1

N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice 3 hours

Summer 1

N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice 3 hours

Fall 2

N305A Advanced Health Assessment/Clinical Reasoning 3 hours
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent 1 hour

Spring 2

N309D Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Elderly 1 hour
N309E Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Woman 1 hour
N361A Context of Primary Care: FNP Domains & Core Comp for Practice 2 hours

Summer 2

N395 APN Role Within U.S. Health Care Delivery Systems 3 hours
(may take Leave of Absence this semester and take the course during final summer semester)

Fall 3

N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the FNP 1 hour
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 3 hours
N309A Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adult 3 hours

Spring

N309B Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Child 2 hours
N360A Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Family 4 hours

Summer

N360B Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Family 1 hour
N360C Clinical Decision Making for the Family Nurse Practitioner 1 hour
N364 Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship 4 hours

Total

 39 hours

**SAMPLE CURRICULUM PLAN FOR POST-MASTER'S STUDY
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER ***

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application for the FNP	1 hour
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts (can take fall or spring)	3 hours
N309A Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adult	3 hours
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
 <u>Spring</u>	
N309B Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Child	2 hours
N309D Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Elderly	1 hour
N309E Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Woman	1 hour
N361A Context of Primary Care: FNP Domains & Competencies for Practice	2 hours
N362 Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Child and Adolescent	2 hours
OR	
N360A Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Family	4 hours
 <u>Summer</u>	
N363A Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Adult	3 hours
OR	
360B Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Family	1 hour
N360C Clinical Decision Making for the Family Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N364 Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours

Total	35 hours

Students will either take N362 (2 hours) AND N363A (3 hours) OR N360A (4 hours) and N360B (1 hour)

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**Required Hours for
M.S.N. in Health Care Leadership Specialty Curriculum Plan**

Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
N380 Organizational Dynamics	3	42			42
N381A Intro to Health Informatics	3	42			42
N382 Leadership	3	42			42
N383A Continuous Quality Improvement and Outcomes Measurement	3	28		70	98
N384 Directed Reading	2	28			28
N385A Health Care Financial Mgmt	3	42			42
N386 Management Practicum I	3			210	210
N387 Management Practicum II	4			280	280
N388 Management Strategies for Health Care Systems	3	42			42
N389 Health Care Management of Populations	3	42			42
N395 Advanced Practice Nurse Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3	42			42
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28		56
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28		56
Program Total	39	406	56	560	1,022

Full-Time Study

(Must enter in fall only)

Fall	Spring	Summer
N380	N382	N387
N381A	N383A	N388
N385A	N384	N395
N389	N386	N399B
	N399A	
12	14	13

Part-Time Study Plans

Part-Time Study (Fall entry)

Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall 2	Spring 2
385A	383A	388	386	384
380	382	395	389	387
381A	399A	399B		
9	9	9	6	6

Vanderbilt Employee Course of Studies Plan (new Tuition plan)

Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring
N380	N382	N399B	N381A	N383A	N388	N386	N387
N385	N399A		N389	N384		N395	
6	6	3	6	5	3	6	4

Part-Time Study (Spring entry)

Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring 2	Summer2	Fall 2
383A	388	385A	386	395	389
382	399B	380	384	387	
399A		381A			
9	6	9	5	7	3

SAMPLE CURRICULUM PLAN FOR POST-MASTER'S STUDY

HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP *

N380	Organizational Dynamics	3 hours
N381A	Introduction to Health Informatics	3 hours
N382	Leadership	3 hours
N383A	Continuous Quality Improvement and Outcomes Measurement	3 hours
N385A	Health Care Financial Management	3
	hours	
N384	Directed Reading	2 hours
N386	Management Practicum I	3 hours
N387	Management Practicum II	4 hours
N388	Management Strategies for Health Care Systems	3 hours
N389	Health Care Management of Populations	3 hours
		Total
		30 hours

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Required Hours for Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Specialty Curriculum Plan

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305C Advanced Neonatal Health Assessment	3	28		70		98
	N306C Developmental and Neonatal Physiology	3	42				42
	N308 Pathophysiology Concepts	3					
	N316 Neonatal Nursing Birth Through 2 Years of Age	3	42				42
	N317A Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management I	3	42				42
	Semester Total		15	154		70	0
Spring II	N307D Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N315 Essential Components of Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing	3	14			56	70
	N317B Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management II	3	42				42
	N318 Neonatal Practicum	3			210		210
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		15	126	28	210	56
Summer III	N319 Neonatal Preceptorship	6			420		420
	N395 APN Role Within U.S. Health Care System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		12	70	28	420	0
Program Total		42	350	56	700	56	1,162

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER
2-Year Option**

<u>Fall I</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N306C Developmental/Neonatal Physiology	3 hours
N316 Neonatal Nursing Birth Through 2 Years of Age	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiology Concepts	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N301 Research Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
N307D Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399A Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305C Advanced Neonatal Health Assessment	3 hours
N317A Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N315 Essential Components of Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing and Introduction to Advanced Practice Neonatal Nursing Skills	3 hours
N317B Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management II	3 hours
N318 Neonatal Practicum	3 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N319 Neonatal Preceptorship	6 hours
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Total	42 hours

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NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER**
3-Year Option
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<u>Fall I</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N306C Developmental/Neonatal Physiology	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiology Concepts	3 hours
N316 Neonatal Nursing Birth Through 2 Years of Age	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N307D Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305C Advanced Neonatal Health Assessment	3 hours
N317A Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N315 Essential Components of Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing and Introduction to Advanced Practice Neonatal Nursing Skills	3 hours
N317B Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management II	3 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N318 Neonatal Practicum	3 hours
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
 <u>Fall 3</u>	
N319 Neonatal Preceptorship	6 hours
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Total	42 hours

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER**
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<u>Fall I</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305C Advanced Neonatal Health Assessment	3 hours *
N306C Developmental/Neonatal Physiology	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiology Concepts	3 hours
N316 Neonatal Nursing Birth Through 2 Years of Age	3 hours
N317A Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management I	<u>3 hours *</u>
Total hours	15 hours
	(9 mandatory; 3 by exam)
 <u>Spring II</u>	
N307D Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N315 Essential Components of Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing and Introduction to Advanced Practice Neonatal Nursing Skills	3 hours **
N317B Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management II	3 hours *
N318 Neonatal Practicum	3 hours **
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	<u>3 hours</u>
Total hours	15 hours
	(6 mandatory; 3 by exam, 6 by validation)
 <u>Summer III</u>	
N319 Neonatal Preceptorship	6 hours **
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	<u>3 hours</u>
Total hours	12 hours
	(6 mandatory, 6 by validation)
Program Total	42 hours

* **By exam**

** **By validation**

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NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER ***

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305C Advanced Neonatal Health Assessment	3 hours
N306C Developmental/Neonatal Physiology	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiology Concepts	3 hours
N316 Neonatal Nursing Birth Through 2 Years of Age	3 hours
N317A Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management I	3 hours
 <u>Spring</u>	
N307D Advanced Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N315 Essential Components of Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing and Introduction to Advanced Practice Neonatal Nursing Skills	3 hours
N317B Neonatal Pathophysiology and Management II	3 hours
N318 Neonatal Practicum	3 hours
 <u>Summer</u>	
N319 Neonatal Preceptorship	6 hours
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Total	33 hours

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Required Hours for Nurse-Midwifery Specialty Curriculum Plan

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305A Adv Health Assess & Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49
	N305B Adv Health Assmt Apps for NMW	1			35	14	49
	N306B Reproductive Anatomy and Physiology	2	28				28
	N308 Pathophysiol Concepts	3	42				42
	N327A Women's Health for Adv Practice Nursing I	3	42				42
	N333 Evolution of Midwifery in America	2	28				28
	Semester Total		14	175	0	35	28
Spring II	N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N309A Advanced Practice Nurs in Prim Care of Adult	3	35	14			49
	N330 Antepartal Care for Nurse-Midwifery	3	42				42
	N331 Nurse-Midwifery Pract I	2			140		140
	N363C Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Adult	2			140		140
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		16	147	42	280	0
Summer III	N334 Skills for NMW	1				28	28
	N335 Practicum in Intrapartum/Postpartum/ Neonatal Nurse-Midwifery Care	4			280		280
	N336 Intrapartum Care for Nurse-Midwifery	3	42				42
	N338 NMW Care of the Mother/Baby Dyad	2	28				28
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		16	140	28	280	28
Fall IV	N304B NMW Role Synthesis, Exploration, and Analysis	2	28				28
	N339 Adv Clinical Integration Experience for NMW	5			350		350
	Semester Total	7	28	0	350	0	378
Program Total		53	490	70	945	56	1,561

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
NURSE-MIDWIFERY**

<u>Fall 1</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>
N306B	Reproductive Anatomy and Physiology	2 hours
N308	Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N333	The Evolution of Midwifery in America	2 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>		
N307	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N399A	Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>		
N395	APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B	Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>		
N305A	Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B	Advanced Health Assessment Applications for Nurse-Midwifery	1 hour
N327A	Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>		
N309A	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adult	3 hours
N330	Antepartal Care for Nurse-Midwifery	3 hours
N331	Nurse-Midwifery Practicum I	2 hours
N363C	Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Adult	2 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>		
N334	Skills for Nurse-Midwifery	1 hour
N335	Practicum in Intrapartum/Postpartum/Neonatal Nurse-Midwifery Care	4 hours
N336	Intrapartum Nurse-Midwifery Care	3 hours
N338	Nurse-Midwifery Care of the Mother/Baby Dyad	2 hour
 <u>Fall 3</u>		
N304B	Nurse-Midwifery Role Synthesis, Exploration, and Analysis	2 hours
N339	Advanced Clinical Integration Experience for Nurse-Midwifery	5 hours
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Total		53 hours

**SAMPLE CURRICULUM PLAN FOR POST-MASTER'S STUDY
NURSE-MIDWIFERY ***

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for Nurse-Midwifery	1 hour
N306B Reproductive Anatomy and Physiology	2 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N327A Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing I	3 hours
N333 The Evolution of Midwifery in America	2 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N309A Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adult	3 hours
N330 Antepartal Care for Nurse-Midwifery	3 hours
N331 Nurse-Midwifery Practicum I	2 hours
N363C Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Adult	2 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N334 Skills for Nurse-Midwifery	1 hour
N335 Practicum in Intrapartum/Postpartum/Neonatal Nurse-Midwifery Care	4 hours
N336 Intrapartum care for Nurse-Midwifery	3 hours
N338 Nurse-Midwifery Care of the Mother/Baby Dyad	2 hour
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N304B Nurse-Midwifery Role Synthesis, Exploration, and Analysis	2 hours
N339 Advanced Clinical Integration Experience for Nurse-Midwifery	5 hours
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Total	44 hours

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**Required Hours for Nurse-Midwifery/Family Nurse Practitioner
Specialty Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305A Adv Health Assess & Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49
	N305B Adv Health Assmt Apps for NMW	1			35	14	49
	N306B Reprod Anat & Physiol	2	28				28
	N308 Pathophysiol Concepts	3	42				42
	N327A Women's Health for Adv Practice Nursing I	3	42				42
	N333 The Evolution of Midwifery in America	2	28				28
	Semester Total		14	175	0	35	28
Spring II	N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N309A Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adult	3	35	14			49
	N330 Antepartal Care for Nurse-Midwifery	3	42				42
	N331 Nurse-Midwifery Practicum I	2			140		140
	N363C Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Adult	2			140		140
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		16	147	42	280	0
Summer III	N334 Skills for Nurse-Midwifery	1				28	28
	N335 Practicum in Intra-/Post-partum/Neonatal Nurse-Midwifery Care	4			280		280
	N336 Intrapartum care for Nurse-Midwifery	3	42				42
	N338 Nurse-Midwifery Care of the Mother-Baby Dyad	2	28				28
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		16	140	28	280	28

**Required Hours for Nurse-Midwifery/Family Nurse Practitioner
Specialty Curriculum Plan, Continued**

Fall IV

N304B	Nurse-Midwifery Role Synthesis	2	28			28
N309C	Adv Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1	14			14
N339	Adv Clinical Integration Experience for NMW	5			350	350
Semester Total		8	42	0	350	392

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N309B	Adv Pract Nursing in Primary Care of the Child	2	28			28
N309D	Adv Pract Nursing in Prim Care of the Elderly	1	14			14
N360A	Practicum Prim Health Care of the Family	2			140	140
N361A	The Context of Primary Care: FNP Domains and Core Comp. for Practice	3	28			28
N364	Family NP Preceptorship	4			280	280
Semester Total		12	70		420	490
Program Total		66	574	70	1365	2,065

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
NURSE-MIDWIFERY/FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N306B Reproductive Anatomy and Physiology	2 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N333 The Evolution of Midwifery in America	2 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N361A The Context of Primary Care: FNP Domains and Core Competencies for Practice	3 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application for Nurse-Midwifery	1 hour
N327A Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N309A Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adult	3 hours
N330 Antepartal Care for Nurse-Midwifery	3 hours
N331 Nurse-Midwifery Practicum I	2 hours
N363C Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Adult	2 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N334 Skills for Nurse-Midwifery	1 hour
N335 Practicum in Intrapartum/Postpartum/Neonatal Nurse-Midwifery Care	4 hours
N336 Intrapartum Care for Nurse-Midwifery	3 hours
N338 Nurse-Midwifery Care of the Mother-Baby Dyad	2 hour
 <u>Fall 3</u>	
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
N304B Nurse-Midwifery Role Synthesis, Exploration, and Analysis	2 hours
N339 Advanced Clinical Integration Experience for Nurse-Midwifery	5 hours
 <u>Spring 3</u>	
N309B Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Child	2 hours
N309D Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Elderly	1 hour
N360A Practicum in Primary Health Care of the Family	2 hours
N364 Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours
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Required Hours for Nursing Informatics Specialty Curriculum Plan

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N381A Intro to Health Informatics	3	42				42
	N381B Technology Components of Informatics	2	28				28
	N381D Desktop Maintenance	1	14				14
	N383B Continuous Quality Improvement & Outcomes Measurement	2	14		70		84
	N385A Health Care Financial Management	3	42				42
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	Semester Total		14	182	0	70	0
Spring II	N381C Web Development for Health Care Applications	3	28		70		98
	N381G Consumer Health Care Informatics	2	28				28
	N392A Informatics of Clinical Practice	3	42				42
	N392B Clin Informatics Pract I	2			140		140
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		13	126	28	210	0
Summer III	N381E Database Design for Health Care Applications	2	14		70		84
	N381W Project Management	2	28				28
	N392C Informatics of Evidence-Based Practice	3	42				42
	N392D Clin Informatics Pract II	2			140		140
	N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		12	112	28	210	0
Program Total		39	420	56	490	0	966

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
NURSING INFORMATICS
2-Year Option**

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N381D Desktop Maintenance	1 hour
N385A Health Care Financial Management	3 hours
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N381C Web Development for Health Care Applications	3 hours
N381G Consumer Health Care Informatics	2 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N381E Database Design for Health Care Applications	2 hours
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N381A Introduction to Health Informatics	3 hours
N381B Technology Components of Informatics	2 hours
N383B Continuous Quality Improvement and Outcomes Measurement	2 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N392A Informatics of Clinical Practice	3 hours
N392B Clinical Informatics Practicum I	2 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N381W Project Management	2 hours
N392C Informatics of Evidence Based Practice	3 hours
N392D Clinical Informatics Practicum II	2 hours
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Total	39 hours

PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
NURSING INFORMATICS
 3-Year Plan
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<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N383B Continuous Quality Improvement and Outcomes Measurement	2 hours
N385A Health Care Financial Management	3
hours	
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N399B Conceptualization and Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N381A Introduction to Health Informatics	3 hours
N381D Desktop Maintenance	1 hour
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N381C Web Development for Health Care Applications	3 hours
N381G Consumer Health Care Informatics	2 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N381E Database Design for Health Care Applications	2 hours
N392C Informatics of Evidence Based Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 3</u>	
N381B Technology Components of Informatics	2 hours
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
 <u>Spring 3</u>	
N392A Informatics of Clinical Practice	3 hours
N392B Clinical Informatics Practicum I	2 hours
 <u>Summer 3</u>	
N381W Project Management	2 hours
N392D Clinical Informatics Practicum II	2 hours
Total	39 hours

**CURRICULUM PLAN FOR POST-MASTER'S STUDY OF
NURSING INFORMATICS***

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N381A Introduction to Health Informatics	3 hours
N381B Technology Components of Informatics <i>(N381D Desktop Maintenance strongly recommended)</i>	2 hours 1 hour
N383B Continuous Quality Improvement	2 hours
N385A Health Care Financial Management	3 hours
 <u>Spring</u>	
N381C Web Development for Health Care Applications	3 hours
N381G Consumer Health Care Informatics	2 hours
N392A Informatics of Clinical Practice	3 hours
N392B Clinical Informatics Practicum I	2 hours
 <u>Summer</u>	
N381E Database Design for Health Care Applications	2 hours
N381W Project Management	2 hours
N392C Informatics of Evidence-Based Practice	3 hours
N392D Clinical Informatics Practicum II	2 hours

Total	30 hours

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Required Hours for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care Specialty Curriculum Plan

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305D Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	2	28			14	42
	N305G Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the Acute Care PNP	1			50	14	64
	N308 Pathophysiology Concepts	3	42				42
	N311 Health Promotion of Behavior Development: Birth through Adolescence	3	28	14			42
	N312A Adv Pract Nursing in Ped Primary Care, Part I	3	42				42
	Semester Total		12	140	14	50	28
Spring II	N307E Adv Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42	14			56
	N312C Adv Pract Nursing in Ped Acute Care, Part II	3	42				42
	N314C Practicum in Acute Health Care of Children	4			250		250
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		13	112	42	250	0
Summer III	N312D Advanced Practice Nursing in Ped Acute Care, Part II	3	28	28			56
	N314D Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Preceptorship	5			350		350
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Hlth Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		14	98	56	350	0
Program Total		39	350	112	650	28	1,140

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER
ACUTE CARE SPECIALTY TRACT
2-Year Option**

<u>Fall 1</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>
N308	Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N311	Health Promotion of Behavior Development: Birth through Adolescence	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>		
N307E	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N399A	Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>		
N395	APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B	Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>		
N305D	Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	2 hours
N305G	Advanced Health Assessment Application for the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N312A	Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care, Part I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>		
N312C	Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Acute Care, Part I	3 hours
N314C	Practicum in Pediatric Acute Health Care of Children	4 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>		
N312D	Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Acute Care, Part II	3 hours
N314D	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Preceptorship	5 hours

Total		39 hours

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PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER
ACUTE CARE SPECIALTY TRACT
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<u>Fall 1</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>
N308	Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
<u>Spring 1</u>		
N399A	Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
<u>Summer 1</u>		
N395	APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B	Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
<u>Fall 2</u>		
N305D	Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	2 hours
N305G	Advanced Health Assessment Application for the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N311	Health Promotion of Behavior Development: Birth through Adolescence	3 hours
<u>Spring 2</u>		
N307E	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
<u>Summer 2</u>		
No coursework		
<u>Fall 3</u>		
N312A	Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care, Part I	3 hours
<u>Spring 3</u>		
N312C	Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Acute Care-Part I	3 hours
N314C	Practicum in Acute Health Care of Children	4 hours
<u>Summer 3</u>		
N312D	Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Acute Care-Part II	3 hours
N314D	Practicum in Pediatric Acute Care, Part II	<u>5 hours</u>
Total:		39 hours

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**CURRICULUM PLAN FOR POST-MASTER'S STUDY FOR PEDIATRIC
NURSE PRACTITIONERS WHO WANT TO ADD ACUTE CARE***

*** Must have 1 year of practice as an R.N. in pediatric acute care. It is highly recommended that this experience be within the past 2 years.**

*** This post-masters is designed for the P.N.P.-P.C. working in an acute care setting or who has an acute care pediatric background and is interested in meeting the qualifications for P.N.P.-A.C. Certification.**

Spring 1

N307E	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics -independent study if needed to receive content in acute care medications	1 hour
N312C	Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Acute Care, Part I	3 hours
N314C	Practicum in Acute Health Care of Children	4 hours

Summer 2

N312D	Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Acute Care, Part II	3 hours
N314D	Advanced Pediatric Acute Care Preceptorship	5 hours

Total 16 hours

All other post-masters students will have an additional curriculum plan designed for them based on course work that will transfer and courses that are needed to meet the requirements to take the Pediatric Acute Care Certification Boards. Nurse Practitioners who have limited or no pediatric content who want to take a post-master's in pediatric acute care (i.e., Adult Acute Care N.P.'s, F.N.P.'s), will need a full year of part-time study commencing in the fall semester.

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**Required Hours for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Primary Care Specialty Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305D Adv Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	2	28			14	42
	N305E Adv Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	1			50		50
	N308 Pathophysiology Concepts	3	42				42
	N311 Health Promotion of Behavior Development: Birth through Adolescence	3	28	14			28
	N312A Adv Practice Nursing in Ped Primary Care-Part I	3	42				42
	Semester Total	12	140	14	50	14	218
Spring II	N307E Adv Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42	14			56
	N312B Adv Practice Nursing in Ped Primary Care-Part II	3	42				42
	N314A Practicum in Primary Health Care of Children	4			325		325
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
		Semester Total	13	112	42	325	0
Summer III	N313 Current Issues in Delivery of Advanced Pediatric Care	3	28	28			56
	N314B Advanced Pediatric Primary Care Preceptorship	5			325		325
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Hlth Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
		Semester Total	14	98	56	325	0
	Program Total	39	350	112	700	14	1,176

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PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER
PRIMARY CARE SPECIALTY TRACT
2-Year Option**

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N311 Health Promotion of Behavior Development: Birth through Adolescence	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N307E Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305D Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	2 hours
N305E Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	1 hour
N312A Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care, Part I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N312B Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care, Part II	3 hours
N314A Practicum in Primary Health Care of Children	4 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N313 Current Issues in Delivery of Advanced Pediatric Care	3 hours
N314B Advanced Pediatric Primary Care Preceptorship	5 hours
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Total	39 hours

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<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305D Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	2 hours
N305E Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	1 hour
N311 Health Promotion of Behavior Development: Birth through Adolescence	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N307E Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N313 Current Issues in Delivery of Advanced Pediatric Care	3 hours
 <u>Fall 3</u>	
N312A Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care, Part I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 3</u>	
N312B Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care, Part II	3 hours
N314A Practicum in Primary Health Care of Children	4 hours
 <u>Summer 3</u>	
N314B Advanced Pediatric Primary Care Preceptorship	5 hours
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Total:	39 hours

**CURRICULUM PLAN FOR POST-MASTER'S STUDY FOR THE
PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER INTERESTED IN THE
PRIMARY CARE TRACK***

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305D Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	2 hours
N305E Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	1 hour
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N311 Health Promotion of Behavior Development: Birth through Adolescence	3 hours
N312A Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care, Part I	3 hours
 <u>Spring</u>	
N307E Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N312B Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care, Part II	3 hours
N314A Practicum in Primary Health Care of Children	4 hours
 <u>Summer</u>	
N313 Current Issues in Delivery of Pediatric Primary Care	3 hours
N314B Advanced Pediatric Primary Care Preceptorship	5 hours

Total	30 hours

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REQUIRED HOURS FOR PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER-FAMILY CURRICULUM PLAN

Family PMHNP students must meet the following minimums within the 620 required clinical hours.

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305A Adv Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49
	N305B Advanced Health Assess Apps for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners	1		10	60		70
	N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3	42				42
	N350 Models & Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2	28				28
	N351 Theor Fnds & Practicum for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	3	14	21	70	7	112
	Semester Total		15	161	31	130	21
Spring II	N352 Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	2	28				28
	N353 Psychopharmacology	2	28				28
	N354 Theor Fnds of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Groups and Families	2	28				28
	N356 Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individ Groups & Families	4		28	245		273
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		13	112	56	245	0
Summer III	N357 Population-based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2	28				28
	N358A Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Pract Preceptorship	4		14	245		259
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Hlth Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		12	98	42	245	0
Program Total		40	371	129	620	21	1,141

PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER-FAMILY
 2-Year Option

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners	1 hour
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N352 Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	2 hours
N353 Psychopharmacology	2 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N350 Models and Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2 hours
N351 Theoretical Foundations and Practicum for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N354 Theoretical Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Groups and Families	2 hours
N356 Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individuals, Groups, and Families	4 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N357 Population-based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2 hours
N358A Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours

Total	40 hours

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<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N354 Theoretical Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Groups and Families	2 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for Psychiatric- Mental Health Nurse Practitioners	1 hour
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N352 Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	2 hours
N353 Psychopharmacology	2 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N357 Population-based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2 hours
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
 <u>Fall 3</u>	
N350 Models and Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2 hours
N351 Theoretical Foundations and Practicum for Psychiatric- Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	3 hours
 <u>Spring 3</u>	
N356 Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individuals, Groups, and Families	4 hours
 <u>Summer 3</u>	
N358A Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours
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Total	40 hours

POST-MASTER'S OPTION FOR M.S.N. IN PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

<u>Fall 1</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A	Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B	Advanced Health Assessment Applications for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners	1 hour
N307	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N308	Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N355	Child & Adolescent Psychopathology	2 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>		
N352	Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	2 hours
N353	Psychopharmacology	2 hours
N358C	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship with Child and Adolescent Focus	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>		
N357	Population-based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2 hours
N358B	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship with Adult and Geriatric Focus	3 hours
N395	APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
		Total 27 hours

This program of study is designed for individuals who have completed a Master of Science in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing and who have current ANCC certification as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (either Adult or Child-Adolescent focus). This program of study prepares a Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist to take the ANCC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-Family exam. Additional courses or clinical practice may be required based on portfolio review and Gap Analysis.

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**POST-MASTER'S OPTION FOR M.S.N. WITH NURSE PRACTITIONER
FOUNDATION***

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N350 Models and Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2 hours
N351 Theoretical Foundations and Practicum for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N352 Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	2 hours
N353 Psychopharmacology	2 hours
N354 Theoretical Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Groups, and Families	2 hours
N356 Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individuals, Groups, and Families	4 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N357 Population-based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2 hours
N358A Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours
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Total	21 hours

* Course of Studies individualized based on portfolio review and Gap Analysis. Sample for applicants with Nurse Practitioner background but no psychiatric-mental health course work.

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**POST-MASTER'S OPTION FOR M.S.N. WITHOUT NURSE PRACTITIONER
FOUNDATION***

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners	1 hour
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N350 Models and Theories of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2 hours
N351 Theoretical Foundations and Practicum for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N352 Neuroscience for Mental Health Practitioners	2 hours
N353 Psychopharmacology	2 hours
N354 Theoretical Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing with Groups, and Families	2 hours
N356 Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing with Individuals, Groups, and Families	4 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N357 Population-based Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2 hours
N358A Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	4 hours
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours

Total	34 hours

* Course of Studies individualized based on portfolio review.

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**Required Hours for Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Specialty Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305A Adv Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49
	N305B Adv Health Assessment Applications for the WHNP	1				28	28
	N307 Adv Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N310A Adult Gerontology Primary Care I	3	35	14			49
	N327A Women's Health for Adv Practice Nursing I	3	42				42
Semester Total		13	154	14		42	210
Spring II	N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3	42				42
	N309C Adv Practice Nrsng in Prim Care of the Adolescent	1	14				14
	N327B Women's Health for Adv Practice Nursing II	3	42				42
	N328 Practicum in Women's Health	4			280		280
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
Semester Total		14	126	28	280	0	434
Summer III	N326 Women's Health Issues	1		28			28
	N329 Preceptorship in Women's Health	5			350		350
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
Semester Total		12	70	56	350	0	476
Program Total		39	350	98	630	42	1,120

**PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER
2-Year Option**

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
 <u>Spring 1</u>	
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Summer 1</u>	
N326 Women's Health Issues	1 hour
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
 <u>Fall 2</u>	
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application for the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N310A Adult Gerontology Primary Care I	3 hours
N327A Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing I	3 hours
 <u>Spring 2</u>	
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
N327B Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing II	3 hours
N328 Practicum in Women's Health	4 hours
 <u>Summer 2</u>	
N329 Preceptorship in Women's Health	5 hours
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
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Total	39 hours

PART-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY
WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER
 3-Year Plan
 VUMC Employees Only

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
<u>Spring 1</u>	
N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
<u>Summer 1</u>	
N326 Women's Health Issues	1 hour
N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours
<u>Fall 2</u>	
N305A Advanced Health Assessment/Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
<u>Spring 2</u>	
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
N327B Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing II	3 hours
<u>Summer 2</u>	
N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Health Care Delivery System	3 hours
<u>Fall 3</u>	
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Applications for the WHNP	1 hour
N310A Adult Gerontology Primary Care I	3 hours
N327A Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing I	3 hours
<u>Spring 3</u>	
N328 Practicum in Women's Health	4 hours
<u>Summer 3</u>	
N329 Preceptorship in Women's Health	5 hours

	Total 39 hours

**SAMPLE CURRICULUM FOR POST-MASTER'S PROGRAM OF STUDY
WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER***

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
N305A Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	3 hours
N305B Advanced Health Assessment Application for the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	1 hour
N307 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 hours
N310A Adult Gerontology Primary Care I	3 hours
N327A Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing I	3 hours
 <u>Spring</u>	
N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3 hours
N309C Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of the Adolescent	1 hour
N327B Women's Health for Advanced Practice Nursing II	3 hours
N328 Practicum in Women's Health	4 hours
 <u>Summer</u>	
N326 Women's Health Issues	1 hour
N329 Preceptorship in Women's Health	5 hours
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Total	30 hours

*Sample only. Submit M.S.N. transcript and resume to Ginny Moore, WHNP Interim Specialty Director, at (615) 945-6595 for portfolio analysis to outline program of studies.

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**Required Hours for Women's Health Nurse Practitioner/Adult-Gerontology
Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Curriculum Plan**

Semester	Course Number and Name	Credit Hours	Didactic Clock Hours	Seminar Clock Hours	Clinical Clock Hours	Lab Clock Hours	Total Clock Hours
Fall I	N305A Adv Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning	3	35			14	49
	N305B Adv Health Assessment Applications for the WHNP	1				28	28
	N307 Adv Pharmacotherapeutics	3	42				42
	N310A Adult Gerontology Primary Care I	3	42	14			49
	N327A Women's Health for Adv Practice Nursing I	3	42				42
	Semester Total		13	161	14	0	42
Spring II	N308 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3	42				42
	N309C Adv Practice Nrsng in Prim Care of the Adolescent	1	14				14
	N327B Women's Health for Adv Practice Nursing II	3	42				42
	N328 Practicum in Women's Health	4			280		280
	N399A Scientific Underpinnings for Adv Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		14	126	28	280	
Summer III	N326 Women's Health Issues	1		28			28
	N329 Preceptorship in Women's Health	5			350		350
	N368 Essential Procedures for the Primary Care Provider	2	28				28
	N395 APN Role Within the U.S. Hlth Care Delivery System	3	42				42
	N399B Conceptualization & Integration of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	28	28			56
	Semester Total		14	98	56	350	
Fall IV	N305B Adv Health Assmt Apps for Adult Nurse Pract	1				28	28
	N310D Concepts of Mental Hlth Across the Adult Lifespan	1	14				14
	N365A AGPCNP Clinical I	4			280		280
	Semester Total		6	14	0	280	28
Spring V	N310B Adult Gerontology Primary Care II	3	42				42
	N310C Advanced Concepts of Aging	2	28				28
	N365B AGPCNP Clinical II	4			280		280
	Semester Total		9	70	0	280	
Program Total		56	469	98	1190	70	1820

