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

Admitted Students Web Page (Available February 1st)
All admitted students should look at the web page for information needed before arriving in August. There will be regularly updated information posted between now and orientation in the fall. Your specialty specific fall schedule will be posted on this page by May 1st.
• Visit http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/newstudents/newstudents.html for the dates of fall orientation and other information.

New Student Orientation
Students in each MSN specialty program except for Healthcare Leadership must attend orientation on-site on August 22 and 23. During orientation you will meet with your faculty adviser and receive computer assistance. You will also be able to purchase a Vanderbilt lab coat if required by your specialty.

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

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

Immunization, Textbook, Equipment and Uniform Requirements
Prior to arriving at new student orientation in August, you must complete a background check, any needed immunizations, and CPR certification as listed on the enclosed sheet and as outlined on the VUSN website. You will not be allowed to begin classes until all requirements are met. Questions concerning these requirements may be directed to Lisa Boyer at lisa.boyer@vanderbilt.edu.

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

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

**Clinical Placement**
An important part of your education is your clinical practica. *Due to a limited number of local placements available, students admitted with a distant placement preference cannot switch to a local placement preference.* Clinical sites are secured in a number of ways. You will work with the clinical placement office, your specialty director and faculty to obtain a clinical site. If you are outside the local area, your participation in this process is critical. VUSN will make every reasonable effort to accommodate placement requests; however, due to various requirements such as certain State Boards of Nursing and/or Standard Education rules or availability of a preceptor, we may not be able to fulfill your location of choice. State specific requirements are found at [http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/regulations.html](http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/regulations.html). You will hear more about clinical placement during orientation.

**Important dates for Fall 2016 semester**
Mandatory student orientation: August 22 and 23
First day of class: Wednesday, August 24
  Please check the class schedule for your specialty to confirm your first day of class and fall schedule. This is posted on the admitted student’s webpage.

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