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Dear incoming students:

Congratulations and welcome to the Yale School of Nursing's (YSN) Graduate Entry Pre-specialty in Nursing (GEPN) program, Class of 2022! You are about to embark on an exciting and challenging three years. To support a smooth transition into your role as a student in the first year, there is specific information that you need prior to coming to YSN.

Readiness for Fall Semester Courses: Textbooks

Textbooks are **REQUIRED**. You will be expected to come to all classes prepared having completed the assigned readings. In addition to preparation for class, there will also be assignments directly from textbooks as required in individual course syllabi.

We have worked with Lippincott Williams and Wilkins and the publisher has provided a single link for all of your required textbooks:

<https://lippincottdirect.lww.com/NursingEducation-YaleUniversity-Fall2019>

N517 Seminar in Medical Surgical Nursing Seminar.

Honan, L (2018). *Course Point for Focus on Adult Health Medical Surgical Nursing* (2nd ed.) Philadelphia:Lippincott.

N516 Clinical Practice for Medical Surgical Nursing

Lynn, P. (2018) *Taylor's Clinical Nursing Skills* (5th ed.) Philadelphia:Lippincott

Carpenito, L.J. (2016). *Handbook of Nursing Diagnosis* (15th ed.) Philadelphia:Lippincott

Fischbach, F. T. & Fischbach, M.A. (2017). *Manual of Laboratory & Diagnostic Tests*. (10th ed.) Philadelphia:Lippincott

Nettina, S.M. (2018). *Lippincott Manual of Nursing Practice* (11th ed.) Philadelphia-Lippincott

Nursing 2020 Drug Handbook. Philadelphia:Lippincott

N503 Biomedical Foundation Health & Illness.

Norris, T/L. & Lalchandani, R. (2018). *Course Point for Porth's Pathophysiology: Concepts of Altered Health States*. (10th ed.) Philadelphia: Lippincott

N504a/b Advanced Assessment

Bickley, L.S. (2017). *Bates Guide to Physical Assessment & History Taking*. (12th ed.) Philadelphia-Lippincott

Bickley, L.S. (2017). *Bate's Pocket Guide*. (8th ed.) Philadelphia:Lippincott

N511a Clinical Applications of Human Anatomy

Drake, R. Vogl, A. W., Mitchell, A.W. (2019). *Gray's Anatomy for Students*. 4th Edition. Elsevier, ISBN: 9780323393041

Readiness for Clinical Practice

On-campus clinical (skills and simulation laboratory) will be your introductory clinical experience. During this time, students begin learning about the nursing process and basic nursing skills (e.g. blood pressure, temperature, assessments) that are needed to assess and provide safe care to patients, as well as issues related to professional behavior, the hospital setting culture, and clinical expectations. After three weeks of on-campus clinical, you will be placed on hospital units for precepted clinical experience with direct patient care. You will be in groups of 6 students with an on-site master's prepared nurse.

Prior to all clinical experiences, all students need to purchase the following:

Uniforms for Clinical: All students are required to purchase at least two pairs of navy blue colored scrubs and a white lab coat. An example of the appropriate scrubs can be seen here:

https://www.allheart.com/product.aspx?p=ahb2000&s=LGE&c=NVY&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIq_bJoLS14gIVkUcNCh2RnQ8BEAYYASABEgJ7FPD_BwE

Shoes for Clinical: No open toed shoes are allowed on the clinical units. All shoes should be washable. Sneakers are acceptable as well as washable clogs of any color.

Stethoscope: All students will need to purchase their own stethoscope. You can buy your stethoscope online (many students use the web site, (<http://www.allheart.com>)).

The following stethoscope recommendations are made based upon your chosen specialty:

- Students in the Adult/Gero Primary Nurse Practitioner or Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program are recommended to purchase the Littmann® Cardiology IV Stethoscope, Littmann® Master Cardiology Stethoscope, or Littmann® Soft Touch Cardiology STC Stethoscope.
- Students in Nurse-Midwifery, Women's Health, Psychiatric-Mental Health, Pediatric and the Family Nurse Practitioner programs generally purchase the Littmann® Cardiology IV Stethoscope. A stethoscope is an investment that you will use throughout the GEPN and MSN programs and have for years to come.

Other Required Items: A watch with a second hand, bandage scissors (trauma shears), a penlight (preferably with a diagram of pupillary size), and a reflex hammer.

Students must purchase all required uniforms and equipment prior to the start of the Fall semester. All clinically related items are available at uniform shops or online uniform websites.

Fall Schedule

You will receive a detailed course schedule during orientation in August. However, to prepare you for what to expect, below is a general outline of classes and clinical experiences:

Classes You will have three days of didactic class each week during the Fall semester:

Mondays - 8am to 12:00 pm

Thursdays - 8am to 5pm (with an optional review in the evening)

Fridays - 8am – 12:00pm

We try our best to maintain coursework within this timeframe, but times may change based upon student needs and new learning opportunities.

Clinical: On-Campus, Precepted Hospital Clinical and Interprofessional Clinical

On-Campus Clinical-Occurs during the first three weeks

Tuesday, and Wednesdays 8:00am-5:00pm

Fridays 12:30pm-4:30pm

Hospital Clinical Rotations begin on September 14 for the Saturday placements and September 17th for the weekday placements.

You will have 12 hours of MedSurg clinical each week:

Six hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (total 12 hours)

(8am-2pm or 4-10pm or 5-11pm)

or a 12-hour shift on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday (7am-7pm).

Interprofessional Longitudinal Clinical Experience (ILCE)

This unique clinical experience represents a collaboration between the Yale School of Nursing, the Yale School of Medicine and the Physician Assistant Program. Students from each of the disciplines are placed together in small groups for a 2-3 hour supervised clinical experience on either Monday or Friday afternoons. We will discuss this in more detail in August when you arrive.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS are MANDATORY and WILL NOT BE CHANGED based on outside scheduling conflicts. Please Note: **Students who are parents** will need to make sure that their child care includes availability typically *prior* to 7 am on your clinical day. Clinical assignments are made with a variety of factors in mind and therefore all students will be expected to attend various clinical sites and times throughout the first year.

At the successful completion of your first year, you will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Once all grades are posted, the Office of Student Affairs will send transcripts to the CT Department of Public Health no later than the second week of August, 2020, at which time students can schedule a date for the NCLEX exam. Passing the NCLEX-RN no later than December 1 of the first specialty semester is a requirement to continue in the specialty program. We help prepare you throughout the GEPN year to ensure you are successful on the exam. We will provide you with ATI testing on specific subjects to evaluate your competency and readiness for the NCLEX. Your score will detail your strengths and areas to focus your studying as you prepare for the licensing exam. It is expected you will take all of the ATI examinations.

University Calendar. There is an Academic Calendar on the YSN website, but briefly, **Orientation is mandatory for incoming students. All on-boarding requirements must be completed in order to attend orientation, register for classes and attend clinical.** The Fall semester begins Monday August 26, 2019 and ends December 13, 2019. You will have a recess over the Thanksgiving holiday which starts 8:00am Wednesday November 27, 2019 and classes resume 8:00am Monday December 2, 2019. Winter break begins 5:00pm December 13, 2019 and classes resume 8:00am January 6, 2020. For any students who need to travel during recess, make sure that your travel plans adhere to the times and days of the Academic Calendar.

Life Commitments and YSN Schedule

If there are personal commitments you know about now or that may arise during the first year, please inform the Program Director and faculty now (for those currently known) and preferably as early as possible but no later than one month prior to the start of Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. Scheduling of clinical experience (on campus and precepted hospital) is very complex and occurs months before the semester begins. It is IMPERATIVE to notify each faculty of record as soon as possible. Any request will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the course faculty and a decision made on whether the request can be approved. Approval for requested change in schedule for a personal or family commitment does not affect the required clinical hours. All hours in the program must be completed to be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam.

There is the reality that emergencies may arise. In the case of unexpected illness or emergent situation, the student communicates directly to the faculty of record for any course that is or may be affected with a copy to the Program Director.

Spring and Summer Semesters 2020

In the spring semester, you will continue N503 Biomedical Foundations of Health and Disease and N517 Medical Surgical Nursing until mid-March. You will also continue N504a/b Advanced Health Assessment and N506a/b Interprofessional Longitudinal Clinical Experience. New courses include didactic and clinical courses in Psychiatric Mental Health (N520b/N521b), Maternal Newborn (N514 b or c, N515 b or c), Pediatrics (N518 b or c, N519 b or c), and Community Health (N513c), each for 7 weeks. You will also take N501b Issues in Nursing in the latter half of the spring semester. Please be mindful of the YSN Calendar, especially for the summer courses (designated as "c"). The summer term ends July 31, 2020.

On behalf of the Yale School of Nursing faculty and Administrative and Clinical Support Unit staff, we welcome you! We are all eager to meet you and begin this exciting journey together.

Sincerely,



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