



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
College of Nursing

MEET THE STAFF & ADMINISTRATION

- **Kathryn McCallum**, Associate Dean for Student Affairs
- **Cyndi Van Cleave**, Administrative Coordinator
- **Betsy Hardi Konarik**, Admissions Counselor/Advisor
Advisor for Traditional BSN students
- **Vanessa Breslin**, Program Coordinator for Advising (Round Rock)
- **Jennifer Frank**, Program Coordinator for Recruitment & Admissions
- **Advisors for RN to BSN students:**
- **Eva Magallan**, Academic Advisor (McAllen Office)
- **Shelby Nerren**, Academic Advisor (Lufkin Office)



LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THE DAY

1. Meet other students, your advisor, and the Dean
2. Review nursing school entry compliance documentation to assure all requirements are current
3. Discuss uniform/dress code policies
- 4. Learn more about student services and procedures
- 5. Complete a urine drug screen
- 6. Summarize important College of Nursing academic policies & expectations
- 7. Evaluate opportunities outside the classroom
- 8. Identify the R.N. (Registered Nurse) licensure process (Trad BSN)
- 9. Get help with computer set-up and financial aid
- 10. Learn from current students



DRUG SCREENING TODAY

- Accusure Testing = urine drug screens
- Results are confidential and will be made available only to Kathryn McCallum, Associate Dean
- Students on prescription drugs that may show up in the test results could require verification by the medical director of the lab
- At a minimum, drug screen are performed annually
- See student Handbook for complete policy



COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Immunizations – tracked through CastleBranch (CB)
 - reminders via email
 - Hepatitis B Titer
 - flu vaccinations – proof required in fall term
- HIPAA **HIPAA training password: AghasT-s!t203**
- Background Check: Board of Nursing (Trad BSN)
- Background Check: CastleBranch (All students)
- Clinical Trainings/Clinical Survey to complete by email
- Final Official Transcripts (including high school)
- Email Accounts – TAMU & TAMUHSC accounts

Failure to meet compliance deadlines will result in you being removed from eCampus (the learning management system) which houses all course

NEW STUDENT GUIDE

Look for the following:

- Clinical Trainings
- CPR Certification
- Health insurance
- Health history
- ID badges
- Parking
- Textbooks
- Uniforms & other items for clinical
- Printing
- Disability Services
- Veteran Services
- Library Resources
- Code Maroon & HSC Alerts
- Excess Credit Hour
- Aggie Ring Information
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
- *Name Changes



IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



- ✓ TAMU Student Rules
- ✓ Grading & Progression
- ✓ Substance Abuse
- ✓ Integrity & Conduct
- ✓ Clinical Expectations
- ✓ Social Media & Nursing

TAMU STUDENT RULES

- Each student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with and to comply with the *Texas A&M University Student Rules*:
 - Part I: Academic Rules
 - Part II: Student Life Rules
 - Part III: Student Grievance



GRADING POLICY

A – Excellent	Four grade points per credit hour	90 - 100
B – Good	Three grade points per credit hour	80 – 89
C – Fair	Two grade points per credit hour	70 - 79
D - Poor	One grade point per credit hour	60 - 69
F – Failure	No grade points	Below 60
I – Incomplete	No grade points	
Q	Course dropped with no penalty, no grade points, hours not included in GPA	
S – Satisfactory (C or above)	No grade points, hours not included in GPR	
U – Unsatisfactory (D or F)	No grade points, hours included in GPR	



MORE ON GRADING

- Minimum academic requirements for retention = "C" in all nursing courses
- A grade of "D" is considered a failing grade
- Students will be given only one opportunity to repeat a course during their academic career at the College ; a second attempt in a course cannot be "Q" dropped
- If a student receives two failing grades, they will not be allowed to continue in the program
- ***Grade Rounding Policy***
 - All grades (assignments, exams, quizzes) will be calculated to the hundredth (2 decimal points – example = 89.25)
 - No grades will be rounded including final exam averages and final grades
 - For courses in which it is required to achieve an exam or specific course assignment average of 70% or better in order to pass the course, the average must be 70.00% or greater without rounding, i.e. 69.99% or below is not passing



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Aggie Code of Honor

- **“An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those who do.”**



Professional Code of Ethics

- **Each student enrolled in the College of Nursing is expected to uphold the professional code of ethics established for and by the nursing profession.**

Academic Misconduct

- **Academic dishonesty is inconsistent with appropriate professional behavior and will not be tolerated.**

SOCIAL MEDIA AND NURSING SCHOOL

- Students are responsible and accountable for any and all social media content posted or transmitted.
- The use of social media is NOT approved for official classroom communication.
- Never post photographs or any information that could identify a patient – this includes CLRC/simulation activities.
- Nurses may face potentially serious consequences for inappropriate use of social media.
- The use of “Group Me” mobile messaging.
- [Social Media Guidelines for Nurses \(NCSBN.org\)](http://NCSBN.org)



YOUR CON ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- How to Schedule an Appointment
- Registration assistance
- Filing a Degree Plan
- Minor concentration
- Campus Access/Study Times/Areas
- Dining/Refrigerators/Lockers
- Other Concerns



CLASS SCHEDULES AND DEGREE PLANS

- Viewable in eCampus (Blackboard)
- Traditional BSN follow 6 semester plan (includes 10 week summers)
- Traditional BSN plan of study;
 - 1st summer semester – 3 credit hour course only (not eligible for federal financial aid/loans)
 - speak with Kathryn McCallum if this provides significant hardship



REFERENCE YOUR STUDENT GUIDE!

- ✓ Registering for classes through the Howdy Portal; view step by step instructions; students in Round Rock must select the course section that specifies Round Rock as the location
- ✓ Submitting your Degree Plan in the Howdy Portal



CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS

- Clinical settings include skills lab and simulation.
- Concerns regarding safety, competence or professionalism – professors may write up behavior that is concerning using the Unsafe/Unprofessional Report (see back of student handbook for sample); these could lead to a formal meeting with the Academic Dean if the issue is not corrected.
- If a student is removed from one clinical setting due to concerns about safety, competence, or professionalism, he/she will not be allowed to continue in other course clinical rotations until the situation has been resolved.
- Any unsafe act that leads to, or could lead to, injury of a patient may result in immediate removal from the clinical setting and possibly even dismissal from the BSN program.
- Students who fails the clinical portion of a course may not “Q” drop or withdraw; they will receive a grade of “F”.



RN LICENSURE PROCESS

- Timeline
- **Next to last semester in program**
 - ✓ Attend mandatory Student Affairs Meeting which covers all steps necessary for licensure
 - ✓ File Declaratory Order if necessary DURING enrollment; do not wait until final term
- **Final semester**
 - ✓ Apply for RN licensure through the Texas Board of Nursing
 - ✓ Pass Jurisprudence Exam in NURS 430
 - ✓ Apply to take the NCLEX-RN exam
 - ✓ Pay appropriate fees
 - ✓ Meet all program requirements to graduation



SCHOLARSHIPS - SCHOLARSHIPS.TAMU.EDU

• TWO SOURCES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. Texas A&M University scholarships

- scholarships.tamu.edu
- **New Aggies:** If you requested your Apply Texas application be used for TAMU scholarships, you will be considered for these for the 2019-20 next fall/spring academic year.
- **2. College of Nursing (CON) scholarships: Application opens in October for “Continuing Students”**
 - ✓ Go to scholarships.tamu.edu
 - ✓ Link to continuing students: [College and Department Scholarships application.](#)

• **DEADLINE TO COMPLETE = FEBRUARY 1, 2020**



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND AMBASSADORS

Ambassador Selection Requirements

Support the mission and values of the College

- Maintain a minimum of a 3.25 Nursing cumulative GPA
- Commit to a minimum of 10 hours of service each semester
- Represent the College in a professional manner at all times
- **APPLICATIONS open in JANUARY!**



- **Class Council**
 - **Student Nurses Association**
 - **Nurses Christian Fellowship**
- **Aggie Pediatric Nursing Association**
- **Aggie Newborn & Obstetric Nurses**
- **NEW Wellness Student Organization**

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Entering the Nursing Profession: Scroll Ceremony**
 - ✓ **Bryan-College Station Campus– early September**
 - ✓ **Lunch provided**
 - ✓ **All new summer & fall Traditional BSN students**
 - ✓ **Dress will be white uniform top & maroon uniform pant**
 - ✓ **Learn about the Nursing Code of Ethics**
 - ✓ **Students only, no guests**



GRADUATION AND RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

Commencement Ceremonies take place at Reed Arena on the Texas A&M University Campus
(See academic calendar for dates)



The College of Nursing will host a Pinning Ceremony on the same day of your commencement – time to be determined closer to commencement.



WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

- FINAL QUESTIONS ???
- TURN IN FORMS: Mentor
- COMPLETE URINE DRUG SCREEN
- GET TAMU ID BADGE - General Services Complex (if you are a new Aggie)
- SUBMIT FINAL DOCUMENTS IN CASTLEBRANCH
- OPTIONAL:
 - Get help with computer setup – room 38
 - Speak with a financial aid advisor – room 44
 - Return for current student panel – room
 - Return for help with class registration – 2pm in LL11A



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