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Hello BSN students:

You received communication from University President Gabel that all courses will be remote for the first two weeks of the semester. We were prepared for this option with all the didactic undergraduate nursing courses being remote for the entire semester. As a reminder, we do have some undergraduate nursing courses that require an in-person presence. These are, specifically courses to learn and practice nursing intervention skills (NURS 3703) and practicum courses (NURS 4303, NURS 4305, NURS 4703) where students are in health care settings. These courses will continue to meet in person starting September 8, 2020—start of the fall semester.

**BSN Sophomores**

For NURS 3703, you will attend remote classes on Zoom the weeks of September 8 and September 14. The in-person/on-campus portion of the course begins Tuesday, September 22. You will be receiving information from Dr. Cindy Bradley and a schedule with the dates you are assigned to come to the Bentson Center for class. You have received information from Carol Flaten about picking up your lab kit for the course and those plans are still in place.

**BSN Juniors**

You have signed up to come to campus between September 8-17 to participate in a required in-person “refresher” lab for nursing skills and procedures prior to starting your clinical rotations. There are no changes to that requirement, so plan to be on campus the day/time you signed up.

NURS 4303 (Adult acute care rotation and Psychiatric/Mental Health rotation). Your practicum rotation will begin the week of September 14, 2020 (either a Tuesday or a Wednesday).

NURS 4305 (Mother/baby rotation and Public Health/Community Health). If your first practicum rotation is mother/baby, you will begin your practicum rotation the week of September 14, 2020 (either a Tuesday or a Wednesday). If your practicum rotation is Public Health/Community Health, a good portion of the rotation will be virtual, however just yesterday we have been able to identify an in-person public health nursing experience. While we are still working on the details, you should plan on the possibility of having 1-2 days during the 6 week rotation for an in person experience starting the week of September 14, 2020.

**BSN Seniors**

You have signed up to come to campus between September 8-17 to participate in a required in-person “refresher” lab for nursing skills and procedures prior to starting your clinical rotations. There are no changes to that requirement so plan to be on campus the day/time you signed up.

NURS 4703 (adult acute care rotation or pediatric rotation). Your practicum rotation will begin the week of September 21, 2020 (no change).

**University Housing**

If your housing for fall semester was in university housing, per President Gabel’s message, you will be getting information very soon about move-in dates.
**Responsible professional actions**

We are two weeks away from the start of the semester. I encourage you to be mindful of your actions so that you stay healthy such as adhering to six foot physical distancing, avoiding large groups of people, wearing a mask, and practicing good hand hygiene. These actions are essential to protect yourself, your peers, faculty, staff and your patients.

Please enjoy the rest of the summer and keep an eye on your email.

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