Hello BSN Sophomore students!

We are four weeks from the start of the semester and we truly hope that you are having a good summer, even in times that none of us ever imagined. We look forward to beginning the fall semester with you and want to share additional information to help you plan for fall semester.

**NURS 3703 Assessment and Beginning Interventions**

This is the only nursing course where you need to come to campus every third week. On the weeks you are not on campus, you will meet virtually via Zoom at the time the course is scheduled. You have received or will be receiving soon information about picking up a lab kit.

**Nursing Courses you are enrolled in**

The week before the semester begins, you will be getting communication from the faculty teaching the courses you are enrolled in. They will inform you about how the virtual class sessions will be set up. The Canvas course site will provide you with all the details you need to attend class remotely.

**Welcome to the Profession**

We look forward to welcoming our BSN sophomore and Master of Nursing students to the nursing profession on September 11 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. This virtual event formally recognizes your entry into the nursing profession. More details will follow but be sure to save the date and time.

**Protecting yourselves and others**

As you prepare to return to campus, we ask that you be mindful of actions you can take to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure to yourself and to others. You will be with your student peers, faculty, and staff during the semester.

Prior to entering the Bentson Center for your in person sessions for N3703, you will be asked to complete information attesting to no COVID-19 symptoms or fever. If you have symptoms, have been exposed to someone who has had symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19, you will not be able to attend the in person class session. Your faculty and program director will provide you with further guidance if that would be the case.

According to data from the Minnesota Department of Health, more health care workers are testing positive for COVID-19 through exposure in social settings or their households, rather than their work settings. Given that non-work exposures can lead to infection as often, or even more often, than exposures experienced in the healthcare setting, taking personal action to minimize your exposure is very important. As a reminder, the State of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota has a **mandatory mask policy** that everyone must follow. We also know that using 6 foot physical distancing as a means to minimize exposure is strongly recommended.
Office of Student and Career Advancement Services

The Office of Student and Career Advancement Services (OSCAS) will continue to provide services and support remotely. To lessen the risk of COVID exposure to staff and students, all OSCAS staff will not be physically on campus through the fall semester unless specifically requested or needed, but will continue to be available to help support and assist however and wherever you are.

Your academic advisors will continue to provide online/remote advising appointments via Zoom through the fall semester. If there is a need for an in-person appointment, please work directly with your advisor to arrange it. For quick questions, academic advisors will be hosting Drop-In Advising: Martha Scott Johnson (Mondays from 1:00-3:00pm) and Joe St. Jacque (Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00pm). Please review the BSN academic advising webpage for more detailed information. For additional questions - please email bsnadvising@umn.edu.

Anti-racism and Social Justice

The School of Nursing is deeply committed to actions that address anti-racism and social justice. We believe our actions must be informed by our own identities, experiences and understanding of institutional racism, inequities and social injustices. You are invited to begin or continue your personal journey by taking advantage of these resources.