

Dear Penn Nursing BSN Class of 2022 and Nursing Healthcare Management Class of 2023:

On behalf of the Office of Student Services, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania! We are excited – as we hope you are – to have you as the newest members of the Penn Nursing community. You have made a wonderful decision, and we look forward to helping you on your journey over the next few years.

In preparation for your arrival, we have created a [BSN Student Orientation and Registration website](#) to guide you through the course selection and registration process and help you explore the many resources at Penn. Please review the website carefully as the included documents will answer many of the most frequently asked questions. A few important things to note:

1. PennKey and Password

The University's registration system, Penn-in-Touch, requires a valid PennKey and Password. *If you have not received a PennKey Setup Code letter or have had other difficulties establishing a PennKey and Password, please visit the following [website](#).*

2. Penn Nursing Computing Account

Request your Penn Nursing email address and computing account [here](#). It is important to register for and regularly check your Penn Nursing e-mail account. Once you arrive on campus, it will be the School of Nursing's primary means of communicating important class and clinical requirements, information about scholarships, jobs and internships, as well as School news and events. The computing account will also give you the ability to log into the computer lab at the School of Nursing as well as access your shared drive – be sure to take a look at our Office of Information Technology's [information for incoming students](#) as well.

3. Advance Registration

Advance Registration for the Class of 2022 **begins on Monday, June 18, 2018, and runs through Friday, July 13, 2018.** *Please note:* Advance Registration, Penn's course request process, is NOT first-come, first-served. You may enter your requests at any time during this period (e.g. A request submitted at 8 a.m. on June 18th is at no advantage over a request submitted at 5 p.m. on July 13th.) For detailed instructions, please visit the BSN Orientation and Registration website at: <https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/student-services/orientation/bsn-students/>

4. Placement Exams

- *Language:* All Penn students are required to attain Level IV proficiency in a language. Some students may place out of some or all of the language requirement based on their previous language study and/or AP/SAT II exam scores. To determine your placement, Penn offers online and on-campus placement exams, depending on the language. We recommend completing online placement exams prior to your arrival at Penn. Details on the language requirement, language placement policy and the placement exam schedule can be found on the [Orientation website](#).
- *Mathematics:* Students in the Nursing and Healthcare Management Coordinated Dual Degree program and BSN students wishing to further their mathematics education during their time at Penn are required to take the Penn Math Diagnostic. You should have received more information about the diagnostic from the Math Department and you can view the FAQ [here](#). *Please note:* Although Nursing students are not required to

take courses in the Mathematics department in order to complete their BSN, we recommend taking the placement exam so your placement is determined should you wish to take a mathematics course while at Penn.

Important Fall Dates

Monday, August 27, 2018 - School of Nursing Orientation

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 - First Day of Class

Clinical Compliance

Beginning in the fall semester, you will participate in clinical experiences as part of your course requirements. In order to participate in these experiences, Nursing students must obtain the necessary immunizations, training and background checks to be certified as “clinically compliant”. Over the next few weeks, you will receive information from the Office of Student Information with instructions on the required steps for clinical compliance. ***Please be sure to read and respond to these emails promptly!*** If you have any questions about this process, please contact the compliance office at compliance@nursing.upenn.edu or 215-898-8127.

Advising

In late August, you will be assigned a faculty advisor who will work with you throughout your time at Penn Nursing to discuss academic and personal concerns, oversee future registration, and provide mentorship related to your career goals. Until then, the advisors in the Office of Student Services will serve as your primary academic advisors. Advisors can be reached by e-mail at advisor@nursing.upenn.edu.

You do not need to request advisor sign off during advance registration for fall 2018 courses in the School of Nursing. The Office of Student Services will sign off all incoming students.

All students have been matched with an upperclassmen Peer Advisor. Your Peer Advisor serves as another great resource and is available to answer questions about the BSN program and student life at Penn. Your Peer Advisor will be contacting you via e-mail within the next couple of weeks.

Resources:

We know this is an exciting time for you, but we also realize that some nervousness can accompany the uncertainty of new experiences. To help you navigate your transition to Penn and access the wide variety of resources Penn has to offer, we have included some important links on the Class of 2022 Orientation and Registration page. Be sure to check them out!

Once you have reviewed the [Orientation and Registration website](#), please feel free to contact the Student Services team at advisor@nursing.upenn.edu if you have any additional questions or concerns. We are here to assist you!

Again, welcome to Penn Nursing -- we look forward to seeing you at Penn Nursing New Student Orientation on August 27th!