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Marquette University College of Nursing

Parents and New Students

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I. Communication

Q: How will the university communicate with students?

A: The student's Marquette University Email account is the preferred official communication. Students can have their MU e-mail forwarded to their personal e-mail by going to:
<http://www.marquette.edu/pages/home/its/help/emarq/forward>

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Q: Is a student required to bring a computer?

A: Students are not required to bring their own computers. All Marquette students will have seven day/week access to library computers and Simulation and Technology Learning Resource Center (STLRC) computers during regularly scheduled hours. Type of computer (i.e. desktop, laptop) is personal preference. See Brochure from Information and Technical Services (ITS).

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Q: Is Marquette Wireless?

A: The dorms, libraries, and union are wireless as are many other buildings throughout the Marquette campus. Look for wireless hotspot signs to locate these areas.

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Q: What is the best way for students to contact faculty?

A: Students are strongly encouraged to contact faculty EARLY and OFTEN. Some faculty will request a certain means of communication, but the following options are always available: e-mail, office hours, D2L, via phone, or in person.

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Q: Can parents request student's personal and educational information?

A: MU is bound by the rules and regulations established within FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) therefore cannot release any information without a signed release from the student, once the student is 18 years old. For the complete FERPA policy please visit www.marquette.edu/registrar/policies

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II. Advising

Q: Who will be advising students?

A: All freshmen will be assigned to Marissa Wesley, the Academic Advising Coordinator. She may be contacted by email at Marissa.Wesley@marquette.edu or by phone at 414.288.3827. After the successful completion of their freshman year, students will be transferred to a faculty member who will provide advising and mentorship throughout the duration of their program.

Gloria Rhone serves as an additional resource for the students. Gloria is the College's Diversity Recruiter and Advisor and can be reached at Gloria.rhone@marquette.edu or 414.288.3826.

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Q: How often do students meet with advisors?

A: Students are required to meet with their advisor every semester during advising week. In addition to this required meeting, students are encouraged to meet with their advisors as often as needed for information on resources, progression, and registration.

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Q: What if a student wants to change advisors?

A: Students may request a different advisor through the Undergraduate Nursing Office, Clark Hall room 251.

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III. Registration

Q: How do students know when to register?

A: Students are assigned enrollment appointments each semester which is their first possible date to register. This date and time can be found on their individual CheckMarq page under enrollment appointment.

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Q: *How many credits can students register for?*

A: Students can register for 12-18 credits. Students requesting an overload (19+ credits) must submit an overload form to the Undergraduate Nursing Office, room 251, for approval from the Associate Dean. There is an additional fee for each credit over 18. Full time is 12-18 credits; dropping below 12 credits could influence financial aid, health insurance and progression within the academic program.

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Q: *What if students no longer want to take a course for which they have registered? Course drop vs. Course withdrawals.*

A: If a student no longer wishes to remain in a course, he/she is eligible to DROP the course as long as this is completed before the end of late registration (typically occurring two weeks after courses begin during the 16 week semester).

If a student no longer wishes to remain in a course and it is after the end of the late registration, this is then called a WITHDRAWAL, not a “drop”. Students must complete a withdrawal form and obtain all necessary signatures before submitting to the Undergraduate Nursing Office, room 251 for final approval from the Associate Dean. After the form is approved the student will receive a W for the course on their official record. This form must be received by the last day to withdraw (please see the Academic Calendar for specific date) otherwise the student will earn the grade obtained in the class.

If a student is dropping or withdrawing from a course they must inform their advisor to ensure that they will see be able to progress through the program.

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Q: *Are there Summer Courses?*

A: Students wishing to take summer nursing courses at Marquette must receive approval from the Associate Dean.

Students wishing to take summer courses external to Marquette must complete a Course Approval form, attach a course description and submit to the Academic Advising Coordinator for approval. Generally students are not allowed to take courses external to Marquette during the regular academic year.

If a student takes a course at another institution, and the course is a prerequisite for another required course, the transcript must be received in order to progress. Students are responsible for having official transcripts sent immediately upon completion to: Marquette University, Office of the Registrar, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201

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IV. Curriculum

Q: *What is the Core Curriculum?*

A: The University Core of Common Studies is the intellectual heart of a Marquette education, built on our Jesuit tradition and designed for successful life in the 21st century. The Core comprises nine knowledge areas essential to a well-educated person, a Marquette graduate. Students are required to complete 36 credits within nine knowledge areas are:

- Rhetoric; mathematical reasoning; theology; human nature and ethics; science and nature; individual and social behavior; literature and performing arts; diverse cultures; and histories of cultures and societies.
- Nursing requires additional core curriculum credits for the major.

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Q: *What are the different types of nursing courses and when do they begin?*

A: Students begin their first nursing class freshmen year. Students begin labs courses their sophomore year. Nursing course class sizes average around 40 students. Students will take a 3 credit theory course combined with their clinical which provides them lecture material to better understand the population and procedures.

Students will begin clinical coursework in their junior year. Three-credit clinical courses consist of 8-10 hours one to two days, each week in a designated health care setting. Clinical courses are designed to be a 1:8 ratio. Students will complete 7 clinical courses before completion of program. Clinical placements and graduation within 4 years are guaranteed as long as students follow the prescribed plan and receive satisfactory grades in all required courses.

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Q: *Are there double majors and/or minors available?*

A: Information on double majors and minors is listed within the Undergraduate Bulletin under the college hosting the double major or minor. Students can contact their advisor for more information.

Curriculum specialty tracks include: Pre-Med, Pre-DPT, Nurs/Psych, ROTC (Army, Air Force and Navy), and Honors.

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Q: *Do students have to maintain certain grades or GPA to remain in the program?*

A: All students must meet grade and cumulative GPA requirements to progress. All Nursing policies and procedures can be found in the Student Handbook:

<http://www.marquette.edu/nursing/Students/documents/Undergrad%20Hanbook.pdf>

*Students who do not meet the progression policies may be required to withdraw from the nursing program for academic reasons.

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Q: *What about Advanced degrees?*

A: The Master of Science in nursing (MSN) prepares nurses for advanced roles. Students may select from seven options: acute care nurse practitioner; adults; older adults; children; nurse-midwifery; clinical nurse leader and health care systems leadership.

The PhD in Nursing is designed to develop teacher/scholars, and builds upon the Masters level nursing foundation. PhD students develop research skills necessary for the discovery and use of new nursing knowledge and for preparation for teaching roles.

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V. Study Abroad

Q: *What are study abroad options? Can I still graduate in 4 years?*

A: Nursing students can study abroad and graduate in four years as long as they inform the Academic Advising Coordinator (Marissa Wesley, 288-3827, room 248), within their first year and follow the prescribed program plan. Students will have to take summer courses in order to graduate on time. Students may study abroad during summer.

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Q: *How do I find out information on options?*

A: Informational sessions are held throughout the year and are hosted by the Study Abroad Office. Kristen Michelson, Study Abroad Coordinator (288-1788, Alumni Memorial Union room 425), will assist students in arranging their study abroad experience.

Students can study in a variety of destinations including, Spain, Denmark, Austria, France, Germany Ireland, Italy and many more wonderful locations.

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Q: Are there options to study in Washington DC?

A: A semester at the Les Aspin Center in Washington DC is an experience that allows learning and connection to foreign embassies, media outlets, corporations, and organizations. Students take classes two days/week and work with lawmakers three days/week.

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VI. Student Life and Resources

Q: How do students get involved in extracurricular activities?

A: There are over 180 student organizations and activities to get involved on campus including involvement in the Marquette University Student Nursing Association, student government, student organizations, Greek life, clubs, sports and more. Go to the following website for more info: <http://www.marquette.edu/osd/organizations/index.html>

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Q: Where can a student go for help with academic or personal issues?

Student Educational Services, 288-3270, AMU, room 317

- Provides FREE services for tutoring, study skills, test-taking strategies, time management and other useful educational strategies
- Disability services-assist in making arrangements and providing accommodations to those with diagnosed disabilities.

Writing Center, 288-5542, Raynor Library, room 207

- Provides writing assistance to all students for any course.
- Counseling Center**, 288-7172, Holthusen Hall, room 204
- Provides services for personal counseling and career exploration.
 - Students who maintain full-time status (12-18 credits) are eligible to receive 10 free counseling sessions during their time at Marquette.

Career Services Center, 288-7423, Holthusen Hall, 1st floor

- Assists with career exploration, resume writing and mock interviewing. They will often host employer interviews.

Housing, 288-7208, M. Carpenter Hall, room 203

- This department is responsible for all housing assignments and services within the residence halls.
- Each residence hall floor is assigned a Resident Assistant who lives on the floor that can assist students with a multiple issues (i.e. roommates, personal problems, policies).
- If a situation becomes complex it may be referred to a Hall Director.

Library Services, 288-7556, Raynor Library

- Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for Marquette students.
- Provides access to computers, periodicals, archives, books, group study rooms, and a café.

L.I.M.O. (Local Intercampus Mobile Operation), 288-6363

- 12 LIMO vans provide free and safe transportation to students, faculty and staff to and from any point within MU service area. Trained student drivers operate LIMO vans each night, year-round, from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Public Safety, Non-Emergency 288-6800, Emergency 288-1911

- -Responsible for protecting the MU community and securing MU property. Public safety provides walking, biking, and automobile patrols of campus buildings and grounds; authorized after-hour access to buildings; and offers general assistance (e.g. locked keys in cars, jump-starts or other assistance).

Student Employment at MU, <http://www.marquette.edu/financialaid/ses/>

For additional information on the College of Nursing, please refer to the website:

<http://www.marquette.edu/nursing/index.shtml>

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