



**Undergraduate Handbook
of
Academic Policies and Procedures
2025-2026**

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Undergraduate Academic Policies & Procedures Handbook

Welcome to the University of Michigan School of Nursing!

This handbook for undergraduate students at the School of Nursing provides information regarding policies, procedures, available resources, and issues that pertain to student academic life. It also outlines the rights and responsibilities of the School of Nursing undergraduate students. These policies, and any additional School of Nursing policies and procedures relative to student records, publications, grievances, and discipline, are consistent with the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act of 1977.

Students are responsible for using the handbook as a resource when questions arise and as a guide to academic and non-academic policies and procedures. All students are required to sign the Handbook Certification document and upload it to their online compliance tracker with American DataBank/Complio. In the Handbook Certification document, students certify that they are responsible for:

- Reading the handbook in its entirety
- Reviewing and understanding any changes made to the Handbook during the entire time they are enrolled as a student in the School of Nursing
- Recognizing that changes made to policies and procedures may impact them as a student.

❑ Note that the information in this handbook is updated annually. Changes in policies may be implemented immediately throughout the academic year, and these changes will be posted on the School of Nursing website. These changes have the potential to affect student educational programs. Students will be notified of any changes to the handbook via the Undergraduate Student Resources Canvas page. The *Undergraduate Handbook of Academic Policies & Procedures* is available electronically in the [Handbooks & Policies](#) section of the University of Michigan School of Nursing's [official website](#).

Academic Calendar 2025 - 2026

Fall Term	2025
Classes begin	Aug 25, Mon
Labor Day (Holiday)	Sept 1, Mon
Fall Study Break	Oct 13-14, Mon-Tues
Thanksgiving Recess, 5:00 pm	Nov 26-28, Wed-Fri
Classes End	Dec 8, Mon
Study Days	Dec 9 Tues & Dec 13-14, Sat-Sun
Examinations	Dec 10-12, Wed-Fri & Dec 15-17, Mon-Wed
Commencement	Dec 14, Sun
Winter Term	2026
Classes begin	Jan 7, Wed
Martin Luther King, Jr Day <i>University Symposia. No Regular Classes.</i>	Jan 19, Mon
Vacation begins 12:00 noon	Feb 28, Sat
Classes Resume	Mar 9, Mon
University Honors Convocation	Mar 15, Sun
Classes End	Apr 21, Tues.
Study Days	Apr 22, Wed; Apr 25-26, Sat-Sun.
Examinations	Apr 23-24, Thurs-Fri & Apr 27- 30, Mon-Thurs

Commencement Activities	May 1-3, Fri - Sun
Spring-Summer Term	2026
Classes begin	May 5, Tues
Memorial Day	May 25, Mon
Juneteenth (Holiday)	Jun 19, Fri
Classes End (Spring Half)	June 22, Mon
Study Days	June 23, Tues
Examinations	June 24-25, Wed - Thurs
Summer Half Term classes ends	June 25, Thurs
Summer Half Term classes begin	June 30, Tues
Independence Day (Holiday)	July 3, Fri
Classes End	Aug 17, Mon
Study Day	Aug 18, Tues
Examinations	Aug 19-20, Wed - Thurs
Full Term and Summer Half Term-End	Aug 20, Thurs

Chapter 1: School of Nursing

The Michigan Difference - A Statement of Aspiration

Spirited Leaders Who Make a Difference Every Day

We have a passion for the 'Michigan Difference,' which exemplifies rigorous scholarship, high expectations for ourselves and our students, and accountability for continuous quality. We are committed to diversity and have a global reach in our research, education, practice, and professional service. We prepare our students to be leaders and thinkers who also have cutting-edge skills. The graduates of all our programs are the 'best of the best' and populate leadership positions locally, regionally, and around the world. We value interdisciplinary activity and are leaders on campus in areas of our expertise.

Our environment and activities are engaging for faculty and students and draw the best from each of us. We aspire to be good partners to each other in the spirit of 'lifting others as we climb.' We want to function with flexibility, synergy, and efficiency across programs and divisions.

The School of Nursing is an integral part of the University of Michigan, and as such, subscribes to the three purposes of the University: education, research, and service. The primary mission of the School of Nursing is to improve the health and well-being of society through the impact of our research and by educating nurses for leadership in academic and practice roles. The school achieves its mission by building a community that draws its intellectual strength from the rich diversity of the people within.

The School of Nursing advances the science of our field as well as contributes to the development of general knowledge. The faculty and students engage in service activities that benefit our communities and that advance the profession of nursing. The school's faculty practices are part of our service mission and are aligned with interdisciplinary partners and institutions that provide for the integration of our research, education, and practice activity. The School's faculty practices are demonstrations for innovations in methods and set high standards for excellence.

Mission

The mission of the University of Michigan School of Nursing is to advance health for all by educating and developing nurses and other professionals as leaders, generating, and applying knowledge, and serving individuals, communities, and populations.

Vision

Lead the nation and influence the world through the impact of our research, educational programs, and practice innovations on health.

Creating a Community for All

We are committed to an environment that values and respects people of all genders, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, cultural backgrounds, religions, abilities, nationalities, and beliefs. The School of Nursing places its highest priority on diversity, equity, and inclusion, and seeks to ensure a positive, supportive climate in which all individuals are welcome.

We believe that diversity, the presence of difference, must be joined with equity, the parity of difference, and inclusion, an open welcome to difference. We recognize that conflicts between groups exist in our history and our present, and we aim to be a space where we can work together to bridge the divisions amongst us.

Teaching and Learning Statement

The University of Michigan School of Nursing believes that the active participation of the students in the learning process leads to a better understanding of concepts, reinforces retention of knowledge, and builds the foundation for lifelong professional learning. The school fosters the use of innovative, experimental, and emerging pedagogies and technologies to engage students in the learning process. To achieve its goals, the school has developed flexible physical and virtual learning spaces and a highly integrated information technology support system. The aim is to facilitate creative teaching and learning activities for faculty and students using technology, community, and global outreach.

Philosophy of Nursing

A philosophy of nursing contains three essential elements: beliefs about the central phenomena of the discipline, the mechanisms by which phenomena can be known or addressed, and values of the discipline. Taken together, these three elements guide the education, research, and practice of the school's students and faculty.

Beliefs About the Central Phenomena of Discipline

Viewed holistically, humans are characterized by the dynamic interaction of biological, psychological, sociological, spiritual, and environmental factors. Clients' decisions about healthcare vary depending upon their stage in lifespan, gender, ethnic/racial origin, sexual orientation, economic status, and physical/mental ability. Nurses recognize that individuals' health and illness exist in a broader context of family, community, society, and the environment. Nurses provide consumer-centered services that assist individuals, families, groups, and communities in attaining and maintaining optimal well-being.

How Phenomena Are Addressed

Nurses support clients' rights to self-determination, to complete information, and to active participation in all aspects of care. They strive to promote familial, societal, and environmental conditions through education, research, and service, which contribute to health and well-being and inform healthcare policy. Nurses work both independently and in collaboration with consumers of healthcare, members of each of the health professions, and other individuals and organizations concerned with health to provide high quality, cost-effective care. Nursing shares with other health professions the goals of promotion and maintenance of wellness, prevention of illness and disability, restoration of the ill and disabled to health, and provision of support through the life cycle including a dignified death.

Rapidly changing healthcare systems have greatly expanded opportunities and ventures for the profession. Nurses recognize that optimal healthcare balances scientific knowledge and technology with effective resource utilization. Further, professional nursing practice includes leadership in local, state, and national professional organizations and other health-related enterprises. Professional nurses collaborate with health professionals and other concerned people in identifying the health needs of society and provide leadership in developing effective healthcare delivery systems and building the body of scientific knowledge to inform practice.

Values of Discipline

Nurses are committed to the belief that every individual has the right to safe, satisfying healthcare that is based upon respect for human dignity and cultural variation. Professional nurses use decision-making and independent judgment with responsible and accountable practice and are based on multiple ways of knowing.

Declaration of Values

Our values at the School of Nursing define how we will work and interact with others.

EPIC

Empower each other to interrupt or disrupt disrespect.

Pactice communication that is beneficial, kind, and true

Inspire and be inspired by our members' worth, significance, and integrity.

Cultivate respect for ourselves and others routinely, publicly, and privately.

Accreditation

The University of Michigan is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The baccalaureate and master's degree programs in the School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the

Michigan State Board of Nursing. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at the University of Michigan School of Nursing also is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The Nurse-Midwifery Master's Degree and Post Master's option are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME).

Memberships Held by the School of Nursing

The School of Nursing holds charter membership in the Council of Member Agencies of the Department of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs of the National League for Nursing, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, the Midwest Alliance in Nursing, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The school is also a sustaining member of the National Student Nurses' Association and Sigma Theta Tau International (Rho Chapter).

Non-Discrimination Policy Notice

The University of Michigan, as an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The University of Michigan is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, sex*, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status in employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions. Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the Senior Director for Institutional Equity and Title IX/Section 504 Coordinator, Office for Institutional Equity, 2072 Administrative Services Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1432; 734-763-0235 (TTY 734-647- 1388). For other University of Michigan information call 734-764-1817.

*Includes discrimination based on gender identity and gender expression.

Guidelines for Mistreatment Reporting

The University of Michigan School of Nursing (UMSN) is committed to creating and maintaining a safe, respectful, and supportive community for learning and working. We emphasize the importance of mutual respect, belonging, and fairness, valuing the various backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences of each member. Every individual within the UMSN community shares responsibility in upholding these principles and promoting a culture free from bias, mistreatment, and discrimination. Detailed guidelines regarding student academic and professional misconduct, as well as addressing mistreatment related to, belonging, culture, or identity, are outlined comprehensively in Appendices I and J.

Chapter 2: Undergraduate Student Services & Resources

The Office of Undergraduate Studies (Nursing 1, Suite 1160) provides services and support to help students be successful academically and offers opportunities for students to enrich their leadership experiences. They provide academic services including academic advising for undergraduate students, degree audits, credit transfers, clinical placements, and compliance.

The Office of Undergraduate Studies also plans, funds, and manages undergraduate student activities including, but not limited to, orientations, Welcome Week, and career development events.

Academic Advisors

The Office has academic advisors who assist all students with administrative academic processes and help them to utilize the resources available at the School and the University. Advisors work closely with all students to assist with course planning, career preparation, and student navigation of the University of Michigan resources and programming. Additionally, the advisors perform degree audits to ensure that students complete requirements for graduation. Academic advisors also process course transfer credit. Degrees are not conferred by the University until approximately a month and a half after the last day of classes.

Students who have academic questions or concerns about curriculum, progression or require academic-related information should email the academic advisors at UMSN-UndergradAdvisors@med.umich.edu, make an appointment with their advisor, or stop by the Undergraduate Studies Office, 400 NIB (Nursing 1) Suite 1160.

School of Nursing Buildings Information

Buildings

The School of Nursing is housed in two buildings: the 426 School of Nursing Building (Nursing 2) and the 400 North Ingalls Building (Nursing 1). Most classrooms are in the 426 SNB (Nursing 2), although some classes may be scheduled for 400 NIB (Nursing 1).

Site Access

Access to the School of Nursing is restricted to University of Michigan students, faculty, staff, and those having business with the University of Michigan School of Nursing. The School of Nursing building is equipped with an extensive card access system, which will necessitate the frequent use of your M-Card. During weekdays access will be granted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by swiping your valid MCard at the right-side front doors. Everyone will be

required to swipe in. Outside of normal business hours, all doors will be locked, including weekends, holidays, and seasonal days. After hours card access to the building is available to the School of Nursing affiliated M-Cards only. After-hours access includes:

400 NIB Building (Nursing 1)

6:30 am – 8:00 pm every day, including weekends and holidays

426 SNB Building (Nursing 2)

7:00 am – 11:00 pm every day, including weekends and holidays.

Clinical Learning Center (CLC)

Simulation Labs - 7:30am – 5:00pm, M-F

Office Suite - 7:30am – 8:00pm, M-F

No access to the CLC is permitted on weekends, holidays, or seasonal days.

Classrooms

Classrooms 1000 and 2250, 7:30am – 11:00pm, M-F and weekends from 7:30am – 5:00pm. After-hours reservations for Classrooms 1000 and 2250 are strongly recommended to avoid conflict with scheduled events - contact UMSN-ClassroomRequests@med.umich.edu. Classrooms A150, A160, A170, 7:30am – 6:00pm (first-come, first-served only if not in use), M-F.

No access to classrooms is permitted on weekends, holidays, or seasonal days.

School of Nursing Computing Site

The School of Nursing computing site is in Room 4210 of 400 NIB (Nursing 1). This is a card-key accessible Site which contains 15 Windows workstations. You must have a valid M-Card to access the Site. The Site may be reserved by faculty for exams and class meetings. Faculty can also request that specific software is installed on the computers in the Site (See <https://webapps.ccs.itd.umich.edu/criss/> for details on the request process).

Reservations can be made through [Classroom Reservations and Software Submissions](#); however, the Site is not equipped with an instructor station or AV projection equipment. Faculty can reserve a laptop to be used with the two LCDs in the lab to serve as an instructor computer.

Scanners: There are several flatbed [scanners](#) at this location. These scanners are available for all students, faculty, and staff to use during normal operating hours.

4-HELP: The School of Nursing Computing Site is an unstaffed Site. If the Site needs maintenance, call 734-764-HELP (4357) to report the problem, and a staff member of the Sites Environment Support Team will be sent to troubleshoot the problem or restock the

Site.

Printers: [M-Print](#) printers are available for student use in the lower level of the School of Nursing Building near room A135. Standard student printing charges apply. For more information on M-Print services visit the [ITS Campus Computing Sites web page](#).

Student Lounge Areas: Student lounge and study areas are located throughout the School of Nursing Building. These are areas where students are encouraged to gather, relax, and study.

Vending: Vending is available in 426 SNB (Nursing 2) on the Lower Level and Level 2. Students will also find a microwave for their use in the Lower Level, Level 1, and Level 2 vending areas with a refrigerator located in the Lower Level.

Vending is also available at 400 NIB (Nursing 1) where a brand-new vending area and student lounge is in room 1150 and a mini fridge is located in the Wellness Room (4014 NIB, Nursing 1) for student use.

Student Lockers: Students may sign out lockers from the Office of Undergraduate Studies (4000 NIB/Nursing 1, Suite 1160) on a first-come, first-serve basis. Undergraduate lockers are located on Floor 2 of 400 NIB (Nursing 1). Lockers may be signed out in September after classes begin. Lockers can only be signed out for the current school year. Student lockers must be emptied by June 30 of each year. On July 1, any items remaining in lockers are moved to the Lost and Found. There is no fee to sign out a locker.

Privacy Rooms: Students may utilize the designated privacy rooms in the School of Nursing buildings. Room 4014 in 426 SNB (Nursing 2) room 3337 in 400 NIB (Nursing 1) and newly renovated room 1185A also located in 400 NIB (Nursing 1) are designated for use by nursing mothers.

Lost and Found: Found items should be turned into the 426 SNB (Nursing 2) Front Desk on the first floor. Please provide the person with information at the front desk about where and when the item was found.

For inquiries about lost or misplaced items in the School of Nursing or surrounding grounds, please visit the 426 SNB Front Desk (Nursing 2, first floor) or call 734-763-7045. In the event your item has not yet been turned in, you may leave a brief description of the item and your contact information at the Front Desk where it will be posted for two weeks.

Most lost and found items will be held at the 426 SNB Front Desk (Nursing 2, first floor). After one month, they will be sent to the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security (DPSS). Please Note: Items such as water bottles, coffee mugs, and food containers, which may easily spread germs and/or grow bacteria, will be thrown away at 5:00 pm by the end of the following day that they are found.

If you are looking for items you have lost, contact DPSS Records/Evidence Unit at 734-936-2791 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, or by email at lost-and-found@police.umich.edu. Items with no known owner are held for safekeeping for up to six months, depending on the value of the article. After the appropriate time has elapsed, the items are disposed of according to applicable state law.

Communication in the School of Nursing

All persons in the School of Nursing community (students, staff, and faculty) are expected to conduct themselves professionally when communicating with one another in all forms of communication modalities.

Use of Technology and Social Media

All students are responsible for respectful communication on social media sites (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, etc.). Any technology, tool, or online space in clinical agencies cannot be used for personal business. This applies to social media platforms. Students must follow clinical agency policies regarding the use of technology and social media. At times, a clinical setting may allow the use of technology or online space or the use of social media for work purposes. They are only to be used as they relate directly to patient care or specified agency activities.

Agency computers cannot be used for personal use, such as checking email or Facebook. Any personal communication such as cell phone use or texting must be done outside of agency clinical areas on the student's personal time.

Posting or discussing any information about patients or families on social media or online space **is not** permitted. This includes any discussions of patient, family, or staff interactions, even if names of patients, families, or organizations are not included, that do not align with the professional identity, values, or ethical standards of nursing. This is a violation of the Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct (see [Appendix A: Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct](#)).

Non-compliance with policies regarding the use of technology and social media may affect course grades and result in the violation of the Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct, up to and including disenrollment from the School of Nursing.

E-Mail

All students automatically become members of the School of Nursing user group. Students' campus email address (username@umich.edu) is the only address used in these groups. Forwarding your @umich.edu email to a personal email account introduces unwelcome

challenges and is not recommended. The School of Nursing is not responsible for any information not received from e-mails sent to the UMSN student body e-mail groups that may be of importance to students, including scholarship, employment, and event and class information.

Students should not share the School of Nursing student email distribution lists with external parties who wish to contact students. Instead, students should refer to all external parties to umsn-frontdesk@med.umich.edu so that information can be distributed, if appropriate.

Contact the Office of Undergraduate Studies via e-mail at umsn-frontdesk@med.umich.edu about problems with the School of Nursing user groups. Usage guidelines, which are included in [Appendix D: School of Nursing Student Email Group Guidelines](#), address the management of student user groups. All students must review and abide by these guidelines.

Students need to check e-mail messages frequently. Students are responsible for the School of Nursing course and University information communicated via email, texts, or Canvas sites.

Students should use their @umich.edu account to communicate on email for any School of Nursing and University business.

Level 1 and Level 2 Passwords

A Level 1 password, also referred to as your UMich password or Kerberos password, is used to access your @umich.edu email account and campus resources such as libraries, benefits, and Wolverine Access. To obtain a UMich (Level 1) password, contact the ITS accounts office.

During clinical placements at University of Michigan Health (UMH), students will be given a Level 2 password. A Level 2 password, also known as your Michigan Medicine Exchange or Outlook password, is used to access your @med.umich.edu account and other hospital resources. See the Michigan Medicine Outlook Exchange website (<https://hits.medicine.umich.edu/communication/collaboration/outlook>) for more details. This email account also does not forward to your @umich.edu. Of note, if you have a clinical rotation at the University of Michigan Health (UMH), on-boarding and compliance information is sent to the @med.umich.edu email address. Students must check this email to ensure any compliance or on-boarding requirements are completed prior to the start of the term.

Computing and Technology

Computing at the School of Nursing System Requirements

School of Nursing students in the undergraduate program must have access to a laptop while enrolled to complete the coursework in their respective programs. While UMSN does not require the purchase of any specific computing hardware, students must acquire a computer that meets the standards set forth in this document. It is each student's responsibility to ensure that they have the required hardware and software for every course for which they are enrolled. **Please review these standards each term as they may change to stay current with technological upgrades.**

The School of Nursing has set computer requirements to ensure that student computers have the functionality needed for their coursework. Students may choose either Option A or Option B below, choosing the best fit for their needs. If you already own a computer, please compare your specifications with the requirements listed below. **At a minimum, your computer must meet the requirements listed for Option B. If your computer does not meet the standards outlined here, you must acquire computer hardware and software that is compliant.**

Option A

Students who will be at the University for 4 years or more should choose this option. Option A specifications are based on a 4-year replacement cycle, which means that students will be able to use their computer for at least 4 years.

Option B

Though the requirements listed in Option B meet the School of Nursing's minimum computing requirements, these systems are not adequate for more than 2 years of use. Option B is only appropriate for students who have less than 2 years of coursework to complete. If you are enrolled for longer than two years, you are required to acquire computer hardware and software to meet the school's computing requirements.

Getting Help

UMSN IT is available to assist you in selecting a system that is compatible with the University's computing environment and meets the school's computing requirements. Please contact UMSN IT if you need assistance identifying systems that meet UMSN computing requirements.

Email: nursing-help@umich.edu

Phone: 734-764-6300

School of Nursing Information Technology Support (Nursing IT)

The School of Nursing Service Desk is available to assist you in selecting a system that is compatible with the University's computing environment and meets the school's computing requirements. Please contact the School of Nursing IT Service Desk if you need assistance identifying systems appropriate for your needs.

Email: help-nursing@umich.edu

Phone: 734-764-6300

Computer Requirements

Component	OPTION A REQUIREMENTS	OPTION B REQUIREMENTS
Operating Systems	Windows 11 Mac OS (Current release)	Windows 10 Mac OS (Current release)
Laptop Hardware	Processor: i7(or equivalent) RAM: 16GB (expandable to 16GB or more) HD:256GB Built-in Wi-Fi Webcam 4 Hour Battery 4 Year Warranty	Processor: i5 Quad core (or Equivalent) RAM: 8 GB RAM HD: 256GB Built-in Wi-Fi Webcam 4 Hour Battery 3 Year Warranty
Software	Microsoft Office Suite Available free with umich level 1 account Adobe Acrobat Reader Chrome Web Browser Antivirus Software (current release)	Microsoft Office Suite Available free with umich level 1 account Adobe Acrobat Reader Chrome Web Browser Antivirus Software (current release)

Optional Accessories/Peripherals

Accessory	Recommended Use
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Laptop/Mobile Device Bag or Case	Recommended for protecting laptops and mobile devices when traveling.
Laptop Security Cable	Recommended for securing laptops when in use in public spaces.
Webcam	Recommended for use with desktop systems when using collaboration and web conferencing software.

Headset w/Microphone	Recommended for reducing feedback when using web conferencing software. REQUIRED if participating in online synchronous class (check your course syllabi for details).
External Backup Drive	Recommended for backup of data and data sharing when connectivity is not readily available.
Laptop Video Adapters (DVI/VGA/HDMI)	Recommended for students who will use their laptop and mobile devices to connect to various projection systems.

NOTE: Students should be able to perform basic computing tasks such as performing internet searches, uploading and downloading documents, using email, and installing the software.

Students should also have a basic level of proficiency using standard productivity applications such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.

Computing at the University

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides a central focus for computing and telecommunications at the University. Within ITS are several units that provide direct services to students. Students can use computers, take advantage of many free educational services including classes and consulting, and benefit from special purchase plans which make it possible to purchase computers and software at reduced prices. For additional information about all the services offered by ITS, please visit the [ITS General Computing website](#). The University of Michigan dictates standard practice and proper use of policies for technology resources. These can be reviewed on the Office of the Chief

Information Officer's website.

Creating and Changing Unique Names

After matriculating, new students will receive an email from ITS Accounts instructing them on how to create a unique name. If students would like to change their unique name, they should contact the ITS Accounts Office at 734-764-HELP (4357). Students should also notify all their contacts of their unique name change. Any individual sending an email to an old unique name will receive a "bounced message" alert. However, by changing your unique name through the ITS Accounts Office, all U-M Directory membership groups you are a member of will be automatically updated with your new unique name.

Assistive Technology Resources On-Campus

[Adaptive Technology Computing Services](#) – This meets the needs of any U-M community member who has questions about modifications or alternatives to standard monitors, keyboards, or mice, or who is seeking high-tech tools to help with reading and writing.

[James Edward Knox Center](#)

2064 Shapiro Library

Phone: 734-647-6437

Email: sites.knox@umich.edu

[Google Accessibility - Barriers and Alternative Options](#) – Provides a list of examples of accessibility barriers of Google Apps for Education's core applications and the University of Michigan's accommodations and alternative options." Questions about the accessibility of the University of Michigan's implementation of Google Apps for Education or other ITS-provided applications can be directed to Jane Vincent at jbvincen@umich.edu

[ITS Service Center](#) Phone: 734-764-4357 Email: 4HELP@umich.edu

[Assistive Technology Funding Sources](#) – Assistive technology funding sources for students with specific types of disabilities.

[Services for Students with Disabilities](#)

G-664 Haven Hall

Phone: 734-763-3000

Email: ssdoffice@umich.edu

Testing Accommodations Center

Serves the College by providing reasonable testing accommodation to students with verified disabilities who are enrolled in LSA courses. By creating an appropriate space for

completing exams, the Testing Accommodation Center (TAC) aims to make education accessible for students with verified disabilities. TAC's mission is to serve both students and instructors through a well-defined process that ensures confidentiality and test security.

[Testing Accommodations Center](#) B129 Modern Languages Building Lisa Clark,
Coordinator
Phone: 734-763-1334
Email: lisa.testcenter@umich.edu

Student Organizations

There are several ways for students to become involved with student organizations and extracurricular activities at the School of Nursing and within the greater University. Please refer to the Undergraduate Student Resource Canvas site for a list of student organizations.

Sigma Theta Tau

Undergraduate students are eligible for selection for membership to Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society, during their junior and senior years, provided they have met the criteria for scholastic achievement, leadership, and capacity for professional growth, and have completed at least half of their program. The society establishes chapters at degree-granting colleges and universities and has established the Rho Chapter at the University of Michigan. Visit the [About Rho Chapter](#) section of the UMSN website for more information.

Nursing Student Government

The Nursing Student Government's (NSG) purpose is to coordinate and facilitate communication between faculty, administration, and the student body. NSG seeks to unify all undergraduate nursing classes into a functioning student body and provide leadership and philanthropic opportunities to all students.

Student Nurses' Association

The Student Nurses' Association (SNA) is a student organization that focuses on empowering student nurses to explore their future career options. The group organizes monthly meetings that all nursing students are invited to attend. These meetings include speakers from a variety of nursing-related professions to enhance student's knowledge and exposure to what different types of job opportunities exist after graduation. SNA also hosts meetings for students to learn about experiences students can engage in over the summer, such as externships and study abroad programs.

School of Nursing and University Resources

Nursing Clinical Learning Center (CLC)

[The Clinical Learning Center \(CLC\)](#), is located on the lower level of the 426 SNB, Nursing 2. This Center is equipped with staff and equipment that work with faculty to support simulation-based clinical education for UMSN students at all levels. Training opportunities range from learning skills on task-training equipment to demonstrating critical thinking and teamwork via complex simulations with human patient simulators.

The CLC Student Resources Canvas site is our central location for information.

Students will take part in opportunities to learn and practice skills and receive feedback from faculty. Students will also have events in which they are required to demonstrate competency as part of a course grade or progression. Open practice opportunities with graduate student instructional aides are available weekly via a sign-up document (in Canvas).

Simulation education is a vital component of clinical training across health professions. The UMSN treats the CLC as a healthcare setting. Professionalism is always expected. The CLC Code of Conduct describes expectations.

Student evaluation of simulations is very important. The link to the “post-evaluation survey” to complete after every sim is located at this URL:

<https://nursing.umich.edu/academics/clinical-learning>

The Clinical Learning Center is accessible through M-Card access only so make sure to always wear your ID card when using the resources in the Lower Level.

Sweetland Writing Center

To help students with their writing for courses at the University of Michigan, Sweetland Writing Center offers free Writing Workshop consultations with Sweetland’s trained writers.

[Sweetland Writing Center](#)

105 South State Street

1310 North Quad

Phone: 734-764-0429

Fax: 734-763-9148

sweetlandinfo@umich.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

UMSN has a Staff Clinician from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), embedded within the School of Nursing. The embedded CAPS counselor offers free and confidential services to enrolled students who are physically in the state of Michigan, including short-term individual counseling, referral to specialized services and resources in the greater University of Michigan and/or Ann Arbor community, wellness programming, outreach presentations, mental health consultation, and crisis management. Enrolled students can arrange an initial consultation appointment or ask questions by emailing the embedded CAPS counselor directly. Presenting concerns include, but are not limited to, experiences of anxiety and depression, academic distress, self-esteem and self-confidence issues, relationship difficulties, eating and body image concerns, substance use, and experiences of trauma.

School of Nursing Counseling and Psychological Services

Kristen Adams, Psychologist
426 North Ingalls
Office 4018 adamskri@umich.edu

CAPS also has a central location in Suite 4079 in the Michigan Union, which provides 24-hour access for crisis-related concerns either by going in-person during business hours, or by calling the main phone line at 734-764-8312 after-hours and on weekends.

CAPS services are free, confidential, and available to currently enrolled students. Services include brief counseling for individuals, couples, and groups; consultation to students, faculty, staff, and parents; assistance with referrals to community resources; and crisis interventions. The staff at CAPS includes professional therapists and interns from graduate programs in Psychology and Social Work. More information is available at:

Counseling and Psychological Services

Michigan Union
Suite 4079
Phone: 734-764-8312
Fax: 734-763-0454
caps.umich.edu

The Office of Community Culture

At the University of Michigan School of Nursing, culture is at the heart of everything we do and is exemplified by our mission to advance health for all through academic leadership, clinical excellence and innovative research.

When we talk about Community Culture, we highlight our commitment to addressing health disparities and making sure that equity and inclusion are integrated into every aspect of our

work, from our classrooms to our clinical environments.

The Assistant Dean for Community Culture provides referrals and direct support to all students who experience critical issues related to any aspect of inclusion at UMSN and in the larger campus community, and that bears relevance to the pursuit of their academic, professional and personal goals.

For more information please contact:
Dr. Hala Darwish darwishh@umich.edu

To make an appointment, please contact:
Sierra Yakubesan at syakubes@umich.edu

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

The University of Michigan recognizes disability as an integral part of diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive and equitable educational environment for disabled students. Students who are experiencing a barrier due to a physical, mental, medical, or sensory condition should contact Services for Students with Disabilities <https://ssd.umich.edu/>; 734-763-3000 or ssdoffice@umich.edu to explore reasonable accommodations and supports for the academic environment.

Students initiate the process by completing the initial information form through the SSD website and working with a Coordinator to explore aspects of the course design, course learning objects, and the individual academic and course barriers experienced by the student. Upon request of the student, accommodations approved by SSD are communicated to instructors through an Accommodation Letter via the Accommodate platform. Students are expected to communicate directly with faculty at the start of each term to discuss the specific accommodation requested for each of their respective courses. Although some accommodations may not be deemed reasonable in the clinical/lab setting (e.g., fundamentally alters the course requirements and/or essential competencies for the program), strategies for success will be discussed accordingly.

Services for Students with Disabilities
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ssdoffice@umich.edu
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TDD: 734-615-4461
Fax: 734-936-3947

Chapter 3: Undergraduate Program Details

Vision

Graduates from the University of Michigan School of Nursing make a significant difference in shaping health and healthcare throughout the world through leadership, research, and education and practice innovations.

Mission

UMSN graduates are interprofessional team members and leaders that provide state-of-the-art nursing care within dynamic health care environments ranging from individuals and communities to virtual and global settings. They use ethical and scientific frameworks, data, and technology to inform their high quality, evidence-based care. They are characterized by their reflective, compassionate, and adaptive practice, serving to promote self-management and wellness for all humans across the lifespan.

Threads

The undergraduate program is based on the following major conceptual threads:

People: Unified whole beings who each reflect a unique and dynamic integration of biopsychosocial properties unfolding over time and within a changing, but culture-bound, context. This thread encompasses empirical, aesthetic, ethical, and personal knowledge that illuminates the nature of people.

Focus: Refers to the category of people receiving nursing care ranging from a single person to groups, communities, cultures, and society at large.

Health Outcomes: Desired and optimal states of being (or potential being) achievable for people in a given context. This thread addresses bio-psycho-social-cultural information that collectively defines health.

Nursing Actions: The range of activities undertaken in the interests of people to define and address concerns within the scope of nursing practice. Further, this thread includes the innovative use of methods, technologies, and data for enabling communication, fostering discovery and exchange of information and ideas, and creatively addressing nursing concerns.

Context: Is the sum of environmental systems operating upon a person or shaping a bounded situation or the surroundings in which action takes place. This thread includes physical, social, ethical, legal, economic, political, organizational, and cultural dimensions.

Scope: The nature and range of problems, states, conditions, and transitions within the

(actual or potential) domain of nursing for a given category of clients. Dimensions of scope vary regarding complexity, acuity, stability, risk, and potency from self-limiting to life-threatening.

Professional Behaviors: Actions characterizing the nurse's level of maturity in dealing with professional matters. Maturity reflects the school's core values and advances from beginner to expert along the interacting lines of clinical acumen, ethical reasoning, leadership ability, collaborative capacity, and organizational and socio-political astuteness.

Program Outcomes

- Provide high-quality, evidence-based care to individuals, families, communities, and populations through the integration and application of basic sciences, humanities, liberal arts, and evolving nursing science.
- Provide person-centered, holistic, respectful, compassionate, and evidence-based care across the lifespan to facilitate self-management and optimal quality of life.
- Apply principles of population health (e.g., advocacy, community engagement) to promote health equity across the continuum of care by incorporating social determinants of health and utilizing traditional and non-traditional partnerships.
- Identify gaps in practice, synthesize, and apply the current evidence of knowledge in science, literature, and technology to improve and maintain safe, high-quality care for diverse patients, families, communities, and populations.
- Integrate principles of safety and improvement science in the provision of safe and high-quality care to patients, families, communities, and populations, while maximizing benefits and minimizing harm.
- Engage in effective collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, healthcare teams, and other stakeholders to optimize care and maintain a climate of mutual learning, respect, and shared values.
- Integrate systems thinking and innovation into nursing care for individuals, families, communities, and populations by proactively navigating systems (e.g., micro-, meso-, macro-) as advocates and equitable coordinators of resources.
- Collaboratively use data, technology, and informatics to drive clinical judgment and decision-making in an evolving healthcare environment to manage and improve the delivery of safe, high-quality, and efficient healthcare in accordance with best practices and professional and regulatory standards.
- Demonstrate professional integrity and accountability in practice by exemplifying nursing values, attitudes, and behaviors aligned with the nursing professional code of ethics.
- Commits to lifelong learning and self-reflection to enhance personal health, resilience, well-being, and the growth of nursing expertise and leadership.

Entry into the Undergraduate Program

There are two types of entry into the undergraduate program at the School of Nursing:

- **Traditional:** Students are directly admitted as first-year student in the School of Nursing.
- **Sophomore Transfer:** Students who have completed their first year (or more) at another college or university and have successfully completed the courses required in Level 1 of the school's curriculum. Transfer students are required to take summer courses to complete the Level 1 nursing requirements before entering their sophomore year.

Traditional Undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Nursing

In the overall Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, all students complete a curriculum that balances nursing courses with humanities and social and biological sciences.

Traditional BSN students must complete all science and clinical nursing courses in residence at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor except for Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH 111), Introduction to Developmental Psychology (PSYCH 250), First-Year Writing Requirement, and Applied Statistics (NURS 218). Please note that you must take the approved course equivalent based on U-M's transfer website. Additionally, all Level 1 courses (including the courses listed above) must be completed prior to the start of Level 2 courses.

Sophomore Transfer Bachelor of Science in Nursing

UMSN admits transfer students directly into the sophomore level of the traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. Transfer students can build on previous coursework and immediately begin the BSN curriculum, pending the successful completion of prerequisite courses. Accepted transfer students must begin coursework during the Summer term.

Sophomore Transfer students are required to take all Level 2 nursing courses and above in residence at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Students who are given a contingent admission must continue to be in good academic standing (e.g., honor code violations during this time may result in removal of the contingent admission) while completing the remaining program requirements. Failure to complete all pre-requisite courses prior to the fall term of admission will result in removal from the program.

Traditional Program Plan



Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Plan 2025-26

	FALL TERM	credits		WINTER TERM	credits
YEAR ONE	English 124/125 or other FYWR course**	4		English 124/125 or other FYWR course**	4
	PSYCH 111 Introduction to Psychology*	4		NURS 194 Intrapersonal Contexts of Population Health	2
	BIOLCHEM 212 Descriptive Biochemistry	4		NURS 210 Anatomy & Physiology	5
	NURS 142 Nursing Seminar	2		NURS 211 Anatomy & Physiology lab	1
	NURS 196 Communication, Groups, and Teams	2		NURS 218 Applied Statistics*	3
	NURS 218 Applied Statistics* OR	3		PSYCH 250 Introduction to Developmental Psychology	4
	Elective	0-3		Elective	0-3
	Total credits	12-18		Total credits	12-18
<i>All Year One courses must be completed before moving on to Year Two, and so on for each respective year</i>					
YEAR TWO	NURS 232 Health Assessment	2		NURS 238 Interpersonal Contexts of Population Health	3
	NURS 233 Health Assessment lab	2		NURS 240 Pharmacology	4
	NURS 234 Introduction to Clinical Practice	2		NURS 244 Using Data in Nursing: Research and Evidence-based Practice	3
	NURS 236 Microbiology & Infectious Diseases	3		NURS 262 Therapeutic Nursing Care I - Lecture	3
	NURS 245 Pathophysiology	6		PNE 200-230 Therapeutic Nursing Care I - Clinical	4
	Total credits	15		Total credits	17
YEAR THREE	NURS 372 Therapeutic Nursing Care II - Lecture	4		NURS 370 Care of the Family: Reproductive Health - Lecture	3
	PNE 350-374 Therapeutic Nursing Care II & Community Health - Clinical	5		PNE 300-324 Care of the Family: Reproductive Health - Clinical	3
	NURS 373 Behavioral Health - Lecture	3		NURS 371 Care of the Family: Infants, Children & Adolescents - Lecture	3
	PNE 375-399 Behavioral Health - Clinical	3		PNE 325-349 Care of the Family: Infants, Children & Adolescents - Clinical	3
	Elective/Minor	0-3		Elective/Minor	0-4
	Total credits	15-18		Total credits	12-16
YEAR FOUR	NURS 482 Therapeutic Nursing Care III - Lecture	3		NURS 480 Population Health and Public Health Nursing - Lecture	3
	PNE 450-474 Therapeutic Nursing Care III - Clinical	8		PNE 400-424 Population Health and Public Health Nursing - Clinical	3
	NURS 496 Role Transition	2		NURS 481 Leadership for Professional Practice - Lecture	2
	Elective/Minor	0-4		PNE 425-449 Leadership for Professional Practice - Clinical	2
				NURS 494 Systems Approaches in Population Health	3
				Elective/Minor	0-4
	Total credits	13-17		Total credits	13-17

* Students that receive a 4 or 5 in AP Psychology will satisfy PSYCH 111 requirement and may elect to take NURS 218 Fall term

Minimum Required Credits for Graduation: 128

Minimum of 12 Elective Credits Required

**Students may elect to take English 124/125 or other First Year Writing Requirement course either Fall or Winter term pending course availability

Program plan subject to change

Sophomore Transfer Program Plan



Sophomore Transfer
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Plan 2025-26

YEAR ONE	SUMMER TERM		credits			
	NURS 192	Selected Concepts in Human Physiology	1			
	NURS 194	Context of Care I	3			
	NURS 196	Communications, Groups, and Teams	2			
	Total credits		6			
All Year One courses must be completed before moving on to Year Two, and so on for each respective year						
YEAR TWO	FALL TERM		credits	WINTER TERM		credits
	NURS 232	Health Assessment	2	NURS 238	Interpersonal Contexts of Population Health	3
	NURS 233	Health Assessment lab	2	NURS 240	Pharmacology	4
	NURS 234	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2	NURS 244	Using Data in Nursing: Research and Evidence-based Practice	3
	NURS 236	Microbiology & Infectious Diseases	3	NURS 262	Therapeutic Nursing Care I - Lecture	3
	NURS 245	Pathophysiology	6	PNE 200-230	Therapeutic Nursing Care I - Clinical	4
	Total credits		15	Total credits		17
YEAR THREE	NURS 372	Therapeutic Nursing Care II - Lecture	4	NURS 370	Care of the Family: Reproductive Health - Lecture	3
	PNE 350-374	Therapeutic Nursing Care II & Community Health - Clinical	5	PNE 300-324	Care of the Family: Reproductive Health - Clinical	3
	NURS 373	Behavioral Health - Lecture	3	NURS 371	Care of the Family: Infants, Children & Adolescents - Lecture	3
	PNE 375-399	Behavioral Health - Clinical	3	PNE 325-349	Care of the Family: Infants, Children & Adolescents - Clinical	3
	Elective/Minor		0-3	Elective/Minor		0-4
	Total credits		15-18	Total credits		12-16
	YEAR FOUR	NURS 482	Therapeutic Nursing Care III - Lecture	3	NURS 480	Population Health and Public Health Nursing - Lecture
PNE 450-474		Therapeutic Nursing Care III - Clinical	8	PNE 400-424	Population Health and Public Health Nursing - Clinical	3
NURS 496		Role Transition	2	NURS 481	Leadership for Professional Practice - Lecture	2
Elective/Minor			0-4	PNE 425-449	Leadership for Professional Practice - Clinical	2
			NURS 494	Systems Approaches in Population Health	3	
			Elective/Minor		0-4	
Total credits		13-17	Total credits		13-17	

Minimum Required Credits for Graduation: 128

Minimum of 13 Elective Credits Required

Program plan subject to change

Honors Program in Nursing

Students register for a minimum of 2 credits during their sophomore, junior and/or senior year under the independent study section number of their faculty mentor. As seniors, Honor students take a graduate-level course. They are required to work with a nurse researcher and produce a scholarly paper and poster. Nursing Honor students also receive a merit scholarship each year.

For additional information about the Honors program, please see the [Honors Program Handbook](#).

Population Health in a Global Context Minor

The Population Health in a Global Context minor will expand the undergraduate content area to provide opportunities for students to more fully explore global health through a variety of courses and required field experience.

Objectives:

- Understand the global burden of disease.
- Describe the health implications of migration, travel, and displacement.
- Explain the social and environmental determinants of health.
- Analyze how globalization is affecting disease patterns and the availability of healthcare workers globally.
- Articulate the impact of low resources on access to and provision of healthcare.
- Describe the relationship between human rights and health.

Credits Required:

15 credits focused on global health. Students can choose from approved global health electives both at the School of Nursing, and across U-M campus. Up to 6 credits of language courses can be applied. A field experience that results in the University of Michigan credit can be included in the 15-credit allotment. Students may also choose a non-credit, co-curricular for their field experience, such as an internship, in which case they would still need to earn 15 credits through coursework.

Criteria for Approval of Global Field Placement:

Field experience can be completed in the US, abroad or virtually. Domestic field placements must be in a community that differs substantially from the student's own by ethnicity, dominant language, and socioeconomic status. Likewise, international students must fulfill the requirements in their home countries.

In keeping with objectives 5 and 6, to articulate the impact of low resources on access to

and provision of healthcare and to describe the relationship between human rights and health, any field experience that includes time in a clinical setting must be with UMSN faculty supervision OR with an organization recognized by the School of Nursing as an ethical provider of global health learning experiences.

Field Experience Options Include:

- Nursing or other University of Michigan study abroad program
- University of Michigan/School of Nursing approved work, internship, or volunteer program
- Research on a University of Michigan faculty-led project
- Approved non-University of Michigan study abroad, research, work, internship, or volunteer program*

*For approval, students must submit a proposal to the Office of Global Affairs

Prerequisites, Corequisites, Required Cognates, If Applicable:

Good academic standing based on an earned University of Michigan GPA (minimum 3.0) First-year students should wait until their second semester to declare, but it is recommended that they take approved electives toward the minor in their first year. Transfer students are eligible to declare during their first semester at the University of Michigan and their coursework will be evaluated for relevant electives that meet the global health minor objectives.

Declaration of Minor Process

School of Nursing students may elect to pursue a minor at the University of Michigan. Steps to take when considering a minor:

- Investigate the School webpage for available minors and related requirements.
- Meet with your School of Nursing academic advisor to identify where the appropriate courses might fit given your current and future course schedules.
- Meet with the appropriate advisor in the program you are interested in.

Your academic advisor must approve of the minor. While some portion of a minor may be met through BSN requirements (e.g., social science studies or electives), it is highly likely that a student pursuing a minor will need an additional term to complete both the requirements for the BSN degree and the minor. Minor requirements must be met before the BSN is conferred. The student must ensure that proper documentation of completion is received in the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

Chapter 4: Academic Rules, Policies, and Procedures

The following academic policies, as well as any additional School of Nursing policies and operating procedures relative to student records, publications, grievances, and discipline, are consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA" or the "Buckley Amendment") and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Additional Information can be found on the [University of Michigan Student Rights and Student Records](#) page of the Office of the Registrar's website and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page of the Office of the Vice President & General Counsel website.

School of Nursing Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct

The University of Michigan School of Nursing has a Code of Academic and Professional Conduct that all students are expected to follow. Any questions regarding this code should be addressed immediately to the relevant faculty, academic advisors, or the School Resolutions Officer. Students are required to review the Undergraduate Program Handbook annually for the upcoming academic year. In [Appendix A](#) of the handbook, there is a complete Code of Academic and Professional Conduct. By reviewing and completing the handbook certificate, students attest they have reviewed this information and will abide by it. The handbook certification is completed annually and uploaded to the student's Complio account as part of their yearly compliance requirements.

NOTE: The University of Michigan Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities apply to all students in the realm of non-academic conduct. For the most current version of the statement, see the [Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) page of the Office of Student Conflict Resolution (OSCR) website.

Public Health Informed Compliance

The University of Michigan School of Nursing aims to deliver its mission while seeking to protect the health and safety of our students and minimize the spread of disease within the community.

All students are required to comply with all School of Nursing policies. The very nature of an in-person educational experience in the School of Nursing means our faculty, staff, and students, particularly those participating in clinical experiences, will be exposed to contagious viruses.

Students are required to comply with public health guidance, including any protocols, guidelines, or policies adopted by the University or the School of Nursing that relate to infectious diseases. Adherence to health and safety requirements applies to all School of

Nursing students and extends to all aspects of the facilities, clinical labs, classrooms, bathrooms, and other spaces within the School of Nursing, on the School of Nursing property, in the School of Nursing clinical experiences, or at School of Nursing sponsored events/programs.

Plagiarism

The School of Nursing follows the American Psychological Association (APA) citation guidelines. A proper citation of reference material is required. Not following proper citation guidelines may constitute plagiarism and be subject to academic discipline. For the use of artificial intelligence, please follow the guidance from your instructor for use and proper citation.

A required resource for APA formatting and citation is the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition, Washington, DC, by the American Psychological Association. This reference guide is available at the University libraries, local bookstores, Amazon, and may be purchased online at [APA Style](#). The Shapiro Library [citation guide](#) also contains helpful information about APA style, as well as information about RefWorks. See [Appendix D](#) for more specific information about plagiarism.

School of Nursing Technical Standards

The School of Nursing faculty members are responsible for determining, at any point in the student's academic program, whether they have demonstrated or can demonstrate appropriate levels of skills and abilities as delineated in the Technical Standards. The faculty has the right to request expert consultation as deemed appropriate. Students who fail to demonstrate appropriate levels of skills and abilities may have their progression interrupted until they can demonstrate skills at the appropriate levels. If the faculty determines that a student cannot meet the appropriate levels even when reasonable accommodations are made, students may be dismissed from their program.

A candidate for a nursing degree must possess abilities and skills which include those that are observational, communicational, motor, auditory, tactile, physical, intellectual-conceptual (integrative and quantitative), behavioral, and social. The use of a trained intermediary is not acceptable in many clinical situations in that it implies that a candidate's judgment must be mediated by someone else's power of observation, selection, and assessment. These technical standards are key components of the nursing academic program:

Observation

The candidate must be able to acquire a defined level of the required information as presented through demonstrations and experiences in the basic and behavioral sciences. Observation involves visual, auditory, and tactile abilities.

Visual

- Observe a patient accurately, at a distance and close at hand, within a variety of clinical settings.
- Acquire information from oral presentations, demonstrations, and observations.
- Observe written documents and visualize information as presented in images from paper, films, slides, video, or other media.
- Interpret visual and graphic images and digital and analog representations of physiologic phenomena with or without the use of assistive devices.

Auditory

- Communicate with patients to elicit information, detect changes in mood, activity, and to establish a therapeutic relationship.
- Communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and all members of the health care team both in person and in writing.
- Identify and differentiate sounds such as those related to heart, lung, or other bodily functions with or without the use of assistive devices.

Tactile

- Assess patients, collect data, and provide patient care through touch, such as with palpation.
- Identify changes in body texture and temperature.

Motor

The candidate must be able to possess motor skills, including both gross and fine muscular movements, necessary to directly perform diagnostic and interventional maneuvers such as palpation, percussion, and auscultation.

- Execute motor movements reasonably required to provide general and emergency patient care such as airway management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, application of pressure to control bleeding, administer medication, perform health assessments, and other interventions required for the care of the patient.
- Manipulate a variety of objects using both fine and gross dexterity.

Communication

The candidate must be able to communicate verbally and in writing.

- Ability to communicate verbally and in writing with maximum accuracy, clarity, efficiency and effectively with patients and their families, other members of the healthcare team, and faculty within rapidly changing and stressful health settings.
- Ability to demonstrate proficiency in keyboarding for documentation.
- Ability to perceive and interpret nonverbal communication.

Intellectual-Conceptual (Integrative and Quantitative) Abilities

The candidate must be able to demonstrate intellectual, cognitive, conceptual abilities to provide safe patient care.

- Ability to measure, calculate, reason, plan, analyze, integrate, synthesize, and evaluate complex information for problem-solving.
- Comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures.
- Exercise appropriate judgment with analysis of situations and anticipation of consequences.

Physical Abilities

The candidate must demonstrate the physical ability to provide safety for the patient and themselves.

- Move and transport objects that reflect a range of weights.
- Perform physical activities and exhibit mobility required to provide care to patients and families, at times in urgent situations.
- Tolerate physically demanding workloads.

Behavioral and Social Attributes

The candidate must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of his/her intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibility's attendant to the care of patients and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients.

- Function effectively and with good judgment under stressful and demanding clinical situations.
- Adapt to changing environments.
- Display flexibility and function in environments inherent with uncertainties in the clinical problems and situations of patients and others.

- Care for individuals in a respectful, sensitive, and effective manner regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or any other status identified in the University's Non-Discrimination Policy.
- Engage consistently in providing care to patients in rapidly changing, stressful, and demanding environments without current evidence of behaviors of addiction or abuse of, or dependence on alcohol or other drugs that can impair behavior or judgment.
- Exhibit emotional stability that enables full utilization of abilities to engage in safe care to patients and participate effectively with peers, faculty, and other healthcare professionals.
- Demonstrate compassion, integrity, concern for others, and effective interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrate interest and motivation in providing healthcare and interacting with the healthcare team and faculty.

Personal qualities reflected in behaviors that affect the care of patients and the ability to function as part of a team, thus jeopardizing safety, will be assessed during the educational process, and considered as required components for progression in the program.

Definitions of Professionalism and Safety

Professionalism

Nursing professionalism consists of behaviors, practices, and communication styles that demonstrate the core values of nurses working to achieve optimal health outcomes in patients, families, and communities. This includes conduct that applies to the principles of altruism, excellence, caring, ethics, respect, communication, inclusion, and accountability. Students learn these principles through self-assessment, self-reflection, responsible learning, accountability, effective communication, and continuous professional engagement. Unprofessional behavior may be addressed through the Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct ([Appendix A](#)).

Safety

Safety is inherent in professionalism. The term *patient safety* means “the prevention of harm to patients.” It includes human factors, teamwork, communication, patient management, and clinical performance.

Expected Student Behaviors

Communication is the exchange of ideas, thoughts, or feelings through verbal and non-

verbal actions. This includes all communication modalities. Verbal and written communication includes clear, coherent, timely, honest, concise, and patient-centered communication. Students are encouraged to develop pronunciation, pitch, and intonation appropriate for the environment. Non-verbal skills include gestures that are appropriate and employ the skill of listening to assimilate information. Cultural awareness builds upon identifying issues to alleviate communication obstacles resulting from health literacy, disparities, authority gradients, cultural differences, and language barriers.

Self-Awareness is the ability to recognize and look at inner thoughts, feelings, and beliefs. Emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize one's own and other people's emotions, to discriminate between different feelings, label them appropriately, and then use emotional information to guide behavior. Through self-evaluation and validation of feedback, students will reflect upon experiences, summarizing accurate strengths and learning needs to build confidence with realistic perspectives about capabilities. Students are held accountable to defend their perspectives, including unpopular or unsafe practices.

Self-Care is promoting and maintaining personal well-being. Students enter the nursing program knowing they must take responsibility for their own physical and emotional health. This includes demonstrating sensory capabilities or appropriate compensation and the ability to perform the physical requirements of clinical practice. It is the students' responsibility to acquire adequate rest, nutrition, and hydration, and manage personal stress.

Responsible Learning is demonstrated by taking control and ownership of learning. This is displayed by being engaged in academic tasks, persistent in self-learning, seeking feedback, and notifying faculty if not achieving course or program objectives. Efforts are made to follow the agency's clinical policies, procedures, and principles by adhering to the submission of clinical requirements. Students must practice within their scope of knowledge and skills and recognize personal limitations while working under appropriate supervision.

Professional Image is the appearance of an individual or professional outside the discipline. Students are guided to uphold a positive professional image by portraying a compassionate demeanor and demonstrating respect for others with behaviors that are focused on patient care and learning. Students entering the program will be cordial to peers and demonstrate flexibility, professional etiquette, and civility. They will adhere to the Clinical Uniforms and Dress Code policy or agency's policies along with the Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct.

Students are accountable to explain and justify their intentions, actions, and omissions. Students are guided in their development of professional behaviors yet, are responsible for demonstrating the competencies listed above. Demonstrating professional behavior is

required for passing in all course/clinical practice regardless of performance in other areas or grades in the course.

Students Traveling Abroad for Clinical Experience

Students who engage in volunteering or service-learning opportunities abroad, whether accompanied by UMSN faculty or not, are expected to follow the same codes of professionalism that apply in the U.S.

In other countries, particularly those with lower resources, policies about the kinds of procedures that can be performed by students may be less clearly defined and/or uniformly regulated than they are in the U.S. Staff at these sites may not be familiar enough with the U.S. educational system to know the level of training volunteers bring and may assign tasks that students would never be allowed to perform at home. This situation can put both patients' and students' health at risk and should be avoided at all costs. Furthermore, the learning needs of students are always secondary to the safety and healthcare needs of the host community. Students who are found to have practiced outside the scope of their training while volunteering or interning abroad will be subject to the same disciplinary measures that apply to such violations at home.

HIPAA Guidelines for Travelers

Regardless of laws and practices at foreign sites, students who violate HIPAA while abroad will face the same consequences they would for a violation committed here at home. Students should be especially mindful of those consequences when writing about and posting images of their experiences on social media.

International Travel Registry

Students, faculty, and staff from all University of Michigan campuses who travel abroad for university-related purposes must enter their itineraries and travel plans at the University of Michigan travel registry. The University of Michigan provides a secure system to record travel plans and contact information. The registry is a convenient, one-stop service that facilitates emergency communications and access to university-approved travel abroad health insurance. To learn more and complete a registration for international travel, visit the [U-M international travel registry](#).

Global Programs at UM and UMSN

UMSN lists all global programs on <https://mcompass.umich.edu/>. M-Compass is the University of Michigan's campus-wide gateway for engaged learning opportunities on-campus, in nearby communities, across the United States, and abroad. If you plan to use

a study abroad experience as your global immersion requirement for the Population Health minor, it is highly recommended that you check with the Office of Global Affairs (UMSN-GlobalOutreach@med.umich.edu) before committing. Population Health minor students are required to attend all pre-departure meetings, as well as a post-arrival session, and complete the Global Ambassadors for Patient Safety Oath.

School of Nursing Student Grievance Process

The purpose of the Grievance Process is to provide a mechanism for an objective internal review of faculty and staff actions or School committee decisions.

This Grievance Process may be utilized by students enrolled in courses in the School of Nursing who believe these decisions resulted from inequitable and/or discriminatory decision-making procedures or processes. The wisdom of a decision, including grades, is not a grievable matter. Only the process that is believed to be inequitably applied, within the referent group, is grievable. Implicit in this process is the need for cooperation, openness, and good faith of all parties involved. Please refer to [Appendix B](#).

Committee on Academic Admissions and Scholastic Standing

The purposes of the Committee on Academic Admissions and Scholastic Standing (CAASS) are to:

- Review and recommend for faculty approval all admission, progression, and graduation policies for the School of Nursing.
- Act on petitions for exceptions to the School of Nursing admissions, progression, and graduation policies.

CAASS has the authority to administer academic discipline and grant or deny requests for waivers and modifications of standard academic policies, including progression policies and degree requirements. Committee members are charged with the interpretation and supervision of the school's academic policies for students enrolled in the School of Nursing. If a student presents extenuating circumstances, CAASS will consider exceptions to standard policy on an individual basis. CAASS will not recognize requests for a petition for reapplication or re-enrollment from disenrolled students except for demonstration of extenuating circumstances and approval from the Chair of CAASS after one term of disenrollment.

The purpose of a petition to CAASS is to request an exception to academic policy or a modification of an academic program plan/progression. As a first step, the student must meet with an academic advisor to discuss the matter. CAASS meets once per month (unless otherwise noted), during the fall and winter terms, and follows an "ad hoc" schedule during the spring/summer term. Petitions must be completed by all parties

concerned and returned with pertinent supportive documentation to the academic advisor no later than one week before the scheduled committee meeting.

The Chair of CAASS initiates and emails a letter informing the student of the committee's decision and any stipulations and/or conditions for progression, and a copy is placed in his or her academic file.

Students who elect to petition CAASS for a policy exception will need to demonstrate exceptional circumstances as to why there should be a change in their admission, progression, or graduation. The purview of CAASS does not include changing course grades. Disputes about course grades or course performance are addressed with the faculty in that course. There is a School of Nursing Grievance Policy that provides a mechanism for the objective internal review of faculty and staff actions or school committee decisions (see [Appendix B: School of Nursing Student Grievance Process](#)).

The Student Resolutions Officer, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and/or course faculty cannot override a CAASS decision. However, if the student believes he or she possesses additional noteworthy information not presented in the original petition, he or she may provide further explanation in writing to the Chair of CAASS. The Chair of CAASS, the Student Resolutions Officer (who will interface with the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies), and an academic advisor will discuss the information with the student. If it is deemed that the information presented is not new, the student will be advised that the submission of a revised petition is not warranted. If a student is not satisfied with the process used by CAASS regarding the revised petition, the student may initiate the grievance procedure (see [Appendix B: School of Nursing Student Grievance Process](#)).

Extenuating Circumstances

Extenuating circumstances are unforeseen events that have a) prevented a student from attending a substantial number of classes; b) affected his or her ability to study or attend clinical; c) resulted in assessment deadlines being missed; or d) adversely affected performance.

Extenuating Circumstances are those that are:

- severe and exceptional;
- unforeseen or unavoidable;
- close to the time when the exception is requested, or where the student can demonstrate that the circumstances continued to have an impact on their academic performance.

Exceptional circumstances may include serious illness, hospitalization, accidents, injuries, serious personal problems, or emotional difficulties beyond the student's control.

Requests for exceptions must be verified by documents that may include, but are not limited to, letter(s) from health care provider(s), accident reports, and/or hospital records. An exceptional circumstances exception does not guarantee that the student will be able to progress as planned. An exception may prevent the student from fulfilling the required course and progression requirements to the extent that they are unable to achieve the required learning objectives. This type of situation will be evaluated by faculty, the Resolutions Officer, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, or the Director(s) of the Undergraduate Program.

Coursework and Grading Policies

Course Load

The normal course load in the School of Nursing for undergraduate students is 14-18 credit hours per fall/winter term and leads to the completion of the required 128 credit hours for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree in four years. A student must take a minimum of 12 credits per term to be considered a full-time student.

The Office of Financial Aid requires that a traditional student carrying 12 credit hours per semester to receive maximum aid for which the student is eligible. This is true of most private scholarships and insurance as well. University Housing also requires students living in their facilities to maintain full-time status (12 credits per term). Any nursing student desiring to take more than 18 credit hours must secure the approval of their academic advisor. This **will** include additional tuition.

Students who wish to elect part-time status must file a plan of study with an undergraduate advisor. They are encouraged to prepare for this with the assistance of an academic advisor. Because such part-time study requires adjustments in the school's enrollment management plans, the full-time plan of study will be presumed to be in effect until revisions to it are approved by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies or his/her designee. The part-time status will only be approved with extenuating circumstances.

A student who does not register for School of Nursing courses at least once a year is considered by the University as withdrawn and must apply for readmission.

Traditional and Sophomore Transfer BSN Requirement

Any course taken for credit at the University of Michigan will meet the elective requirement, and 100 level courses are particularly designed for freshmen. Students are strongly encouraged to read course descriptions, available in the [LS&A Course Guide](#) and to consult the School of Nursing course description in [Appendix F](#). Before making a final decision, it is recommended that students consult with their academic advisor at the School of Nursing.

Students must have a minimum of 12 credits of electives or School of Nursing electives must be earned to meet graduation requirements. Based on credit transfer, sophomore transfer students need 13 elective credits to graduate. Courses designated as electives for the School of Nursing undergraduate program may be selected from any course offered for credit at the University of Michigan, provided the prerequisites for the specific course have been met.

Independent Study, N499, may only be taken by those students who have junior or higher standing, as determined by accrued credit hours (55 or more). In unique circumstances, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs may approve N499 for students below junior standing.

Independent Study may not be used to make up deficits in required courses. Requests for Independent Studies must be developed in conjunction with and approved by a faculty member. Students interested in N499 Independent Study should review the approval process and guidelines contained in the Independent Study Form (N499), meet with an undergraduate advisor, and then submit their completed form to their advisor.

The Pass/Fail option is available to undergraduate students who do not wish to receive a letter grade in an elective course. This option is not available for any required nursing, science, First-Year Writing Requirement, social sciences, nursing elective, and statistics courses. (*A required nursing course is any course listed on the curriculum plan, except for electives*). During the first three weeks of the semester, students can change an elective course outside the School of Nursing from graded to Pass/Fail in Wolverine Access. During weeks 4-14 of the semester, students must submit a request to their academic advisor to change elective courses from Graded to Pass/Fail. The Pass/Fail option may be requested or removed up to the last day of classes.

A maximum of 4 credit hours of electives may be elected pass/fail, credit/no credit, or satisfactory/unsatisfactory by a student during his/her enrollment period in the program.

No course may be taken for credit toward graduation which is determined to be a significant repetition of a course previously taken for credit.

Transfer Courses

An undergraduate student who plans to take a course at another college or university should consult a School of Nursing academic advisor **before** taking the course to determine if it will transfer to the University of Michigan and if it will meet graduation requirements. A grade of "C" (2.0) or better must be earned for the course credit to transfer. If a course is transferred into the School of Nursing with fewer credit hours than is listed in the School of Nursing curriculum, the student must earn additional credit in elective courses to obtain the total credit hours needed for graduation. Students repeating

a course at another institution that they previously took at the University of Michigan must earn a “B-” or higher for the credit to transfer. An equivalent course taken prior to admittance to the School of Nursing cannot meet the requirement of a repeated course upon failure of that course in the nursing program. These courses must be taken at an accredited institution.

If you are interested in taking courses at another Michigan college or university, please review the [Michigan Guest Application Instructions](#) and fill out the Michigan Uniform Undergraduate Guest Application. This form will serve as your application for admission as a guest student at a Michigan college or university. Particular attention should be paid to all prerequisite and corequisite course requirements of the Guest Institution where the course is to be taken to determine if there are additional requirements for admission or enrollment. This form does not ensure the transferability of courses taken at the Guest Institution to the Home Institution. The School of Nursing is not responsible for recognizing courses taken elsewhere that do not transfer to the University of Michigan or the nursing program.

Upon completion of a course intended for transfer credit, undergraduate students **must** submit an official copy of the transcript sent to their academic advisor in the School of Nursing at Suite 1160, 400 NIB, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0482. This may also be sent electronically directly from the school. Transcripts should **not** be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The course will appear on the students’ University transcript with the name of the school where the course was taken. However, these course grades are not calculated into the Michigan honor point average and will not affect your GPA.

School of Nursing Course Grading

All courses offered within UMSN adhere to the following grading scale and overall grading policies.

Grading Scale

A+	97-100%	B+	87-89.99%	C+	77-79.99%	D+	67-69.99%
A	93-96.99%	B	83-86.99%	C	73-76.99%	D	63-66.99%
A-	90-92.99%	B-	80-82.99%	C-	70-72.99%	D-	60-62.99%
						E	<60%

Rounding: Final grades will be rounded down to the nearest whole number (e.g., 85.8% would be rounded down to 85%). Rounding will only take place on the final calculations of the course grade. Rounding will not be applied to individual course assignments, quizzes, exams, etc.

Extra Credit: There is no extra credit for boosting exam or quiz scores or for improving a final grade.

Course Assignment Policies

All assignments are expected on the designated due dates. Extensions must be negotiated with the faculty before the scheduled date of submission. Late submission of assignments may result in a grade reduction or loss of credit. All assignments are to be completed by the end of the academic term. Please refer to the course syllabi for specific assignment policy.

Course Examination Policies

All examinations are to be taken at the scheduled times. Students unable to attend an examination due to illness or an emergency are responsible for notifying the course instructor before the examination period. Documentation substantiating the illness or emergency may be required. Make-up options for examinations, including denial for exam make-up, are provided at the discretion of the faculty.

Final examination periods for freshmen follow the University Examination Calendar. Final examinations for sophomores, juniors, and seniors are generally scheduled on the last day of class or at a time designated by the faculty.

Clinical Course Grading

All clinical courses require an application of didactic to the clinical setting. Thus, all Professional Nursing Education (PNE) clinical courses will have two performance standards determined by faculty and associated accreditation bodies. These include:

1. Achievement of clinical performance standards
2. Collectively, earning a passing grade on required clinical assignments.

Incomplete "I" Grade Policy

An incomplete grade ("I") may be assigned at the discretion of the faculty member when there is unfinished work. The student must be in good academic and clinical standing in the course to be granted an ("I").

A student who requests an incomplete must contact the faculty member before the last week of class. The student and the faculty member should discuss a plan, including a schedule for completing the remaining work before the conferral of an “I”. ***Progression requirements apply regardless of the Incomplete Grade.*** The table below illustrates the make-up deadlines for incompletes:

Program	Recorded Term	Make-up Deadline for Incompletes
BSN	Fall	Last day of classes of next Winter term
BSN	Winter	Last day of classes of next Fall term
BSN	Spring/Summer	Last day of classes of next Fall term

If there are extenuating circumstances, a one-term extension may be granted with approval by the faculty member and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies or his/her designee.

An Incomplete appears on the transcript as an “I” and will not be calculated into the student’s grade point average until the deadline has lapsed. Once the work is completed, the final course grade is posted alongside the “I” (which remains on the transcript), and the earned grade is computed into the grade point average.

An “I” grade not finished by the incomplete deadline lapses to an “E” grade. In such cases, no degree credit is earned, and the course is then computed as an “E” in the term and cumulative grade point averages. An unfinished Incomplete, for courses elected on a non-graded basis (“Pass/Fail,” “Credit/No Credit,” etc.), lapses to “Fail” or “No Credit” but does not affect the term or cumulative grade point averages.

Academic/Clinical Course Performance

Students are given verbal and/or written documentation by their faculty if they require performance improvement in a required course, if there is concern about the student’s progression, or if there is concern about the student’s professional behavior. The documentation will list specific areas in which the student is failing to meet course objectives, clinical competence, or professional behavior, and will list specific steps the student must take to obtain a passing grade. The documentation is discussed with the student who may make comments in the electronic version. A copy of the documentation is sent electronically to the academic advisor who places it in the student’s academic record. A copy of the documentation is also sent to the Director(s) of the Undergraduate Program and relevant course faculty. Academic/clinical course performance documentation may be given at any time during the course as determined by the course

faculty.

Types of academic clinical/course performance documentation that may be provided are as follows:

Performance Improvement Plan (PIP): The intent of the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) is to clearly state and initiate faculty and student collaboration to address specific ***minor, correctable behavior*** related to attendance, clinical performance, or professionalism. PIP is warranted when a student's behavior does not align with standards outlined in the course syllabus, handbook, and/or other UMSN expectations but has not reached the level of necessitating a course warning. Formal collaboration, documentation, and implementation of a plan for improvement established by the instructor and student is required. If the PIP is not successfully fulfilled by the established due date, a Course Warning will be issued and filed in the student's academic record.

Course Warning for Safety, Professionalism, or Attendance (SPA): The intent of the Course Warning for Safety, Professionalism, or Attendance (SPA) is to clearly state and initiate faculty and student collaboration to address ***serious behavior concerns***, including safety issues, unprofessionalism, and unexcused absences in a required course. The course warning for SPA will list specific areas in which the student is failing to meet course objectives, clinical competence, or professional behavior, and will list specific steps the student must take to obtain a passing grade. The course warning is discussed with the student, who may provide personal reflections related to the student's perceptions of the situation in the electronic version of the warning. Course warnings may be given at any time during the course as determined by the course faculty. **There is a grade drop associated with receiving the first Course Warning for SPA. Two course warnings for SPA may result in failure of the course**

Of note, there may be instances where an automatic failure is warranted. This occurs when there are blatant safety concerns or egregious unprofessional behavior. In these cases, remediation is not possible.

Undergraduate Academic Progress Report (didactic): Didactic course warnings are completed by the faculty using the "LSA Undergraduate Academic Progress Report," and the student will receive a copy.

Safe Patient Care, Professionalism, and Attendance (SPA)

This section discusses Safe Patient Care, Professionalism, and Attendance in the areas of Classroom, Clinical, Lab, and Simulation.

Didactic - In the classroom setting please refer to the course syllabus for attendance and professionalism guidance. In the event of unprofessional behavior in the classroom, students may be asked to leave. Refer to [Appendix A](#)

Clinical, Lab, and Simulation - This is an integral part of student clinical learning. This area of Safe Patient Care, Professionalism, and Attendance (SPA) will provide students with the foundational approach needed for successful clinical experience.

Safe Patient Care

Faculty will choose the applicable performance plan for student behavior in the event the behavior falls outside of expectations.

Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)	Course Warning for Safe Practice, Professionalism, and Attendance (SPA Course Warning)
Used to document minor, correctable unprofessionalism or behavior related to attendance, clinical performance, or professionalism.	Used to document issues related to serious behavior concerns , including safety issues, professionalism, and unexcused absences.
Requires a collaborative action plan.	Requires a collaborative action plan.
No grade drop	Grade drop with first course warning for SPA
Continue PIP action steps until behavior is corrected or determined to be a serious behavior concern and escalates to a SPA course warning.	Two course warnings for SPA may result in a failure of the course

Unsafe Practice See [Appendix A](#) - Student Code of Conduct

Definition of Unsafe Practice: Unsafe practice refers to actions or omissions that have the potential to jeopardize patient safety, violate professional standards, or create conditions that could lead to errors or adverse outcomes. These practices may not result in immediate harm but pose a risk that could lead to harm if not corrected.

Definition of Harmful Practice: Harmful practice involves actions or omissions that result in actual harm to a patient, staff, or student. This can include physical, emotional, or psychological harm and represents a breach of the duty of care expected in the nursing profession.

Examples of unsafe practice:

- **Inadequate** preparation and knowledge
- Safety concerns related to the provision of patient care (e.g., practices that may lead to falls or pressure ulcers, patient misidentification, lack of training or proper oversight)
- Medication Administration (e.g., failure to follow 5 rights, administration of incompatible medication, etc)
- Patient Handling e.g., unsafe transfer techniques, misuse of transfer equipment, ignoring safety protocols)
- Communication e.g., lack of clarity, incomplete or inaccurate information, poor documentation, ineffective handoffs, failure to listen, etc)
- Failure to report incidents
- Ignoring infection control procedures (e.g., misuse of PPE, inappropriate hand hygiene techniques for specific situations, improper sterile technique practices)
- Negligence in patient monitoring (vital signs, etc)
- Breach in patient confidentiality
- Ignoring scope of practice

In the case of harmful practice, the student may fail from the course and/or be removed from the nursing program.

Professionalism See [Appendix A](#) - Student Code of Conduct

Definition of Professionalism: Professionalism is a cornerstone of nursing practice and encompasses behaviors, attitudes, and actions that reflect the values and principles of the nursing profession. Unprofessional practice can compromise the care provided to patients and the learning environment for students. Below are examples and descriptions of behaviors that are considered unprofessional in a clinical setting:

Examples of Unprofessional Behavior:

- Inappropriate Communication
- Disrespect toward faculty, staff or peers
- Poor Time Management and Reliability
- Lack of Accountability
- Inadequate Personal Presentation
- Disrespect for Cultural and Individual Diversity
- Boundary Violations
- Lack of Integrity and Ethical Standards
- Violation of the Use of Technology and Social Media policy

Attendance

To meet course and/or clinical objectives, students must be present and engaged in both

the classroom and/or the clinical learning environment. Excessive absences in either the classroom and/or clinical learning environment may impede a student's ability to meet course and/or clinical objectives, resulting in an unsuccessful course completion. Students are expected to attend and participate in all classes. Faculty may request documentation regarding the nature of the absence (health provider note, proof of emergency), particularly if absences become excessive. Please refer to the course syllabus for didactic courses related to attendance expectations. For clinical courses, all clinicals are mandatory. All missed clinical/lab hours, including excused and unexcused absences, must be made up. Timing for make-up is dependent on the availability of continued clinical site access, which may mean completing hours in a different term.

Unexcused Absence

An unexcused clinical/lab/sim absence is an absence from the scheduled clinical activity without the permission of the instructor. When students are not present or fail to arrive on time, it affects other nurses, patients, faculty, and the student's own performance.

Examples of unexcused absences include but are not limited to:

- Not calling in advance - Not calling prior to your faculty inquiring where you are
- Not showing up for clinical
- Being 10 minutes late or more for clinical without notifying your instructor
- Being repeatedly late for clinical (more than once)
- Once a student has three tardies, the fourth will result in failure of the clinical course
- Taking personal vacations on scheduled clinical day(s)
- Taking a day off to study on scheduled clinical day(s)
- Missing clinical because compliance and/or mandates are not completed

Excused Absence

An excused clinical/lab absence requires the permission of the instructor for reasons such as illness or death in the family. All excused absences require appropriate documentation from the student, including supporting documents as needed, such as a note from a health provider for illness.

It is the responsibility of a student to inform his/her faculty PRIOR to an absence or illness. For preceptor-driven courses, the faculty will provide direction regarding contacting the clinical unit, preceptor, or charge nurse at least one hour (or earlier, if possible) before the scheduled assignment. All missed clinical hours must be made up. Please refer to specific guidelines in course syllabi regarding the faculty's preference and instructions for reporting absences or late arrivals.

When calling to report an illness or absence, give the faculty, preceptor or charge nurse the following information:

- Name of student (if necessary);
- Name of preceptor;
- Nature of your illness;
- Anticipated duration of the illness.

Academic Rules Policies and Procedures

Science Learning Circles

Science Learning Circles (SLCs) are peer-led study sessions that provide additional resources to students. Data has shown that students participating in the SLCs have high levels of success. Students who attend SLCs also have the opportunity to participate in 1:1 peer and/or faculty academic coaching if they continue to show academic decline within a course while attending SLCs. Students are required to attend at least one in-person or virtual Science Learning Circle session per week if they receive less than 77% on any exam during each semester that they are registered for any of the following courses:

- NURS 210: Human Anatomy and Physiology Body
- NURS 218: Applied Statistics
- NURS 236: Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
- NURS 240: Pharmacology
- NURS 245: Pathophysiology
- NURS 262: Therapeutic Nursing Care I
- NURS 370: Reproductive Health
- NURS 372: Therapeutic Nursing Care II

Students must continue to attend weekly Science Learning Circles until they achieve a 77% or higher on a subsequent exam within that course. Final exams do not count. Additional activities will be required if a passing grade is not achieved on the subsequent exam and/or the student is already attending Science Learning Circles regularly. In limited cases, extenuating circumstances may be considered.

For the below course, students are required to attend at least one in-person or virtual Science Learning Circle session per week if they have a cumulative grade less than 77% upon completion of each exam. Students must continue to attend weekly Science Learning Circles until they achieve an overall score of 77%, which will be assessed after each exam. Additional activities will be required if a 77% is not achieved after the subsequent exam and/or the student is already attending Science Learning Circles regularly. In limited cases, extenuating circumstances may be considered.

- BIOLCHEM 212: Descriptive Biochemistry

Dean's List

After completing at least 12 graded (not Pass/Fail) credit hours in residence as degree candidates in the School of Nursing, undergraduate students will be considered for the Dean's List honors in the fall and winter terms only.

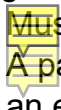
To be placed on the Dean's List, undergraduates must have completed a minimum of 12 credits (taken for a grade, "A" - "E") in the given term with a minimum term grade point average of 3.5 or better and no grades less than a "B". This will be posted on transcripts at the end of the academic year.

Progression Requirements for the BSN Program

The following requirements must be met to advance through the undergraduate traditional BSN program:

All BSN students must earn at least 128 credits.

Undergraduate students:

- a.  Must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses required in the nursing program. A passing grade per university policy is required for elective courses to count as an elective credit.
- b. Must achieve a combined weighted average of 73% on all examinations to pass the course in each of the School of Nursing didactic courses.
- c. Must meet all course prerequisites before starting each course.
- d. During Level 1 and 2 of the BSN Program, students must successfully complete the fall term nursing and science courses before proceeding to winter term nursing and science courses. Students must successfully complete all Level 1 required courses before proceeding to Level 2 of the program.
- e. Must provide evidence of successful completion of prerequisite courses to be given a clinical placement. Students repeating a prerequisite science course will be given their clinical placement after proof of successful completion of the class is submitted to the School of Nursing. Clinical placements are contingent upon space availability and cannot be guaranteed.
- f. Must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. If a student receives a GPA below 2.0 for a term, they are placed on academic probation. If a 2.0 cumulative GPA is not achieved in the following term, the student will be disenrolled from the program.
- g. Will be disenrolled from the program if they fail any two courses in the program. An option for reinstatement is available through participation in the RISE Program.
- h. Must repeat science courses at an accredited institution.

- i. If a didactic course is repeated at the School of Nursing, a grade of “C” or better must be achieved. If the didactic course is approved and repeated at another institution, a grade of “B-” or better must be achieved.
- j. Must achieve a minimum of “B-” in a repeated clinical course or will be disenrolled from the program.
- k. Must repeat clinical nursing courses at the UMSN, Ann Arbor campus.
- l. If a student is disenrolled from the school due to course failures, the student has the option of applying for readmission through participation in the RISE program. UG Leadership will review the student’s request to determine appropriate next steps. If the student is re-enrolled, the student will be required to participate in the program, which will require additional co-curricular activities to support academic success. Please note, any further failures will result in permanent disenrollment and petitions for readmission through CAASS will not be allowed.
- m. Will be admitted or enrolled in courses dependent on space availability.
- n. You must complete all BSN coursework within seven years from the time of admission or will be disenrolled. Students may petition CAASS for an extension, readmission, or reactivation to complete the program. The petition should include a specific time request. Students may be required to take additional courses if the curriculum has changed or repeat courses if it is determined that they require current content or skills. Students will be required to complete a clinical assessment in the Clinical Learning Center prior to the start of the term to determine the appropriate coursework needed upon return.
- o. May request a leave of absence (LOA) from the program if there are extenuating circumstances. LOA requests should be made in writing to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and include the reason and specific timeframes for returning. LOAs may not exceed three consecutive terms (fall, winter, spring/summer). If the LOA is longer than three terms, the student must petition CAASS for reactivation in the program. Upon return, placement into courses will be determined by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Director(s) of the Undergraduate Program, and faculty.
- p. May have one term of withdrawals during which they withdraw from one or more courses. Withdrawals shall be made within the designated School of Nursing withdrawal period.
- q. Must petition CAASS with extenuating circumstances to continue the progression

and remain enrolled in the School of Nursing for any additional withdrawals in subsequent terms. The student may be asked to leave the school or be disenrolled for a specified period. Return to the School of Nursing requires adequate documentation from appropriate sources. The type and adequacy of the documentation are determined by the School of Nursing. Students must be able to meet the School of Nursing's Technical Standards.

- r. Students who request a withdrawal from a course for extenuating circumstances after the designated School of Nursing time period, are in good standing in the course (e.g., passing the course) and have no previous terms of course withdrawals, may be granted withdrawal status by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies.
- s. Students who request a withdrawal from a course after the designated School of Nursing time period, and are failing the course, may petition CAASS if the request is denied by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies.
- t. Students may request a retroactive course withdrawal after the semester is over. Documentation of significant extenuating circumstances will be expected. Approvals are made by the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies on an individual basis.
- u. A student may be asked to leave any course at any time during the term and will receive a failing grade, no higher than a "C-", without completing the course. This is done with a recommendation from the faculty with approval from the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies or Director(s) of the Undergraduate Program, in certain situations including, but not limited to, unsafe clinical practice, failure to meet minimum performance requirements indicating the failure to progress, or unprofessional behavior.
- v. A student may obtain a course grade of Incomplete ("I") only if they are in good academic and clinical standing; an Incomplete must be negotiated with the faculty by the last week of class. A student must finish an Incomplete course by the end of the following term or during a time frame established by faculty if necessary to begin another course.
- w. A student may be asked to leave the program permanently or for a designated period by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, if they are unable to meet the requirements of the Technical Skills policy. Conditions for return may be determined by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and include requirements such as letters from health care providers or other relevant documentation. The adequacy of documentation is determined by the School of Nursing.

- x. Students disenrolled from the School of Nursing will no longer receive formal advising support. Students needing guidance are expected to reach out to the department of interest to establish necessary support and further advising.

Academic Disciplinary Action

Academic disciplinary actions are consistent with established policies and guidelines and will be determined on an individual basis. Any student in academic discipline is urged to contact an academic advisor to discuss a plan for academic success. The following are possible disciplinary actions:

Action Pending: A student will be placed on “Action Pending” if the student’s academic record for a term just concluded is incomplete. The transcript is reviewed again when final grades have been reported or after incomplete grades have lapsed.

Academic Warning: A student will be sent a letter of Academic Warning if the student has a 2.0 (C) cumulative grade point average but has achieved less than a 2.0-grade point average in each semester.

Continued Academic Warning: If any of the above circumstances occur in the next semester of enrollment of a student on Academic Warning, the student is given the status of “Continued Academic Warning”.

Probation: A student will be placed on academic probation if a grade of less than “C” is earned in a course required in the nursing program, or if the student’s cumulative grade point average and/or professional grade point average is/are less than 2.0. For a student to be removed from academic probation, they must earn no grade less than “C” and repeat the deficient nonelective course. The following semester, the student must earn a “C” or higher in all courses to be taken off probation.

Ineligible to Register in the School of Nursing: The School of Nursing requires a student to withdraw when they have failed two (2) required courses in the nursing program and/or are unable to achieve a cumulative 2.0-grade point average in the following term after they are placed on academic probation. A student’s second attempt in a different term is equivalent to failing two courses. If, after grades are available to the School of Nursing, it is determined that a student is not eligible to be in classes for which they are registered, he or she will be disenrolled from said classes.

Notification of Academic Disciplinary Action

The Office of Undergraduate studies will email a letter to the student’s @umich.edu, informing them of any current academic disciplinary actions as noted above.

Standardized Assessment/Testing and Surveys

NCLEX Practice Examination

Senior students are required to take a standardized NCLEX practice examination. Research has indicated that remediation on standardized NCLEX practice or NCLEX predictor exams has a significant positive effect on increasing scores on the NCLEX examination. As a result, graduating seniors are required to complete remediation. Senior students who do not take required practice examinations or complete the remediation as assigned may have their final grades withheld until the requirements are met.

The Skyfactor Educational Benchmark Index (EBI)

The Skyfactor EBI is a national survey that asks students about their experiences in the School of Nursing. It provides the school with feedback about areas where improvement is needed, in addition to its strengths. The school uses the results to make changes to improve students' learning experience in their programs. This is given to graduating seniors, usually in the winter term of their senior year.

Kaplan

Kaplan is a web-based program used by schools of nursing nationally to help students pass the NCLEX examination upon graduation. Kaplan is used all four (4) years of the BSN program. It provides learning content, testing, remediation, national benchmarking data, and an NCLEX review upon graduation. Students will use the various resources in Kaplan throughout their academic career at UMSN.

Academic Assistance

Students who are having academic difficulty should contact the faculty member teaching the course early in the term. This allows the opportunity to make an improvement plan and determine strategies that may be helpful. Students should also contact their academic advisor for additional resources and assistance. A delay in contacting faculty or an advisor for assistance in a course may make it difficult to ultimately do well in the course.

Disability Statement

The University of Michigan promotes the full inclusion of individuals with disabilities as part of our commitment to creating a diverse, multicultural community. It is the policy of the University of Michigan to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other applicable federal and state laws that prohibit discrimination based on disability. The University will provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the University of Michigan complies with federal and state laws that affect qualified persons with disabilities. The School of Nursing does not discriminate based on physical handicaps. However, any applicant with a significant physical or emotional problem is asked to make this fact known to the school so that appropriate faculty and/or administrators can determine whether the student will need assistance in meeting the requirements of courses.

The School of Nursing's policy and practice is to provide equitable educational opportunities with reasonable accommodation for students with documented disabilities in all programs and activities. Students with documented disabilities who require accommodation must register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD). Students will receive a letter detailing their specific needs from SSD. The student must present this letter to each of their faculty and provide sufficient lead-time to allow the requested accommodation(s) to be provided. Students may submit a copy of the documentation of disability for their academic file to their advisor. If students do not follow the procedure, they may not be eligible for accommodation in that course. The School of Nursing is committed to providing equal and integrated access for students with disabilities. If you need help with assessing your need for special accommodation, please contact your academic advisor for guidance and assistance.

Chapter 5: Compliance

Compliance Policy

Before beginning any School of Nursing course, including all didactic, clinical, and lab components, students in every level of the undergraduate program are required to satisfy all health and safety requirements. These health and safety requirements are listed in the [School of Nursing website](#). If you need assistance with meeting these requirements, health care services are available for students at the [University Health Service](#).

For a student to be considered in full compliance, all School of Nursing compliance requirements **must be valid for the entire academic year**. This includes fall and winter terms and may include the spring term, summer term, and/or spring/summer term if students are enrolled in any School of Nursing courses. None of the compliance requirements may expire at any time during the academic year.

All compliance requirements must be uploaded and in a “**meets requirements**” status in Complio (our compliance certification vendor), by the dates determined for the 2025/2026 academic year (see a detailed list of Compliance Requirements by academic level located in the [School of Nursing website](#)). Students are advised to upload their compliance **documents at least 2 weeks prior to the deadline date to allow processing time for approval**. Any student who does not have all requirements needed for the academic year in a “meets requirements” status by the required deadlines listed below may be subject to one of the following conditions:

Students with a clinical component during the term will not be permitted to attend. Students without a clinical component during the term will have a registration hold for the upcoming term.

<u>Fall 2025</u>	<u>Deadline for Compliance Requirements</u> <i>"Meets Requirements"</i>
Freshmen	no later than September 30th, 2025
Sophomore Transfers <i>(entering program summer 2025)</i>	no later than September 30th, 2025
Sophomore, Junior, and Seniors	no later than August 1st, 2025
Flu Vaccine <i>(all undergraduate students)</i>	no later than October 15, 2025

Students in clinical practice may also be required by a clinical agency to meet additional compliance requirements. Some of the requirements may include a fee, which students are responsible for paying, such as fingerprinting. A real ID or another form of acceptable identification (ex. U.S. Passport) will be required for clinical placement at the VA. Students will be required to have this beginning fall 2025. Students will not be allowed to begin their clinical experiences if all the additional compliance requirements are not met by the agencies' deadlines. These are often different from the UMSN deadline. Students who do not meet agency deadlines for additional compliance requirements may lose their clinical placement for the term.

Students must notify the Office of Undergraduate Studies of any changes to their criminal record after submitting the criminal background check*, including arrests. This notification should be made within three business days of any arrests, plea bargains, sentencing, convictions, or other criminal activity. In addition, issues with a student's criminal background check may also prevent the student from being able to sit for state licensure. The School of Nursing is not able to guarantee that any student who graduates will qualify for licensure.

**Please note that some activity reported in a student's criminal background check may prevent that student from being placed in the appropriate clinical settings required to complete the program and, therefore, may result in the student being withdrawn from that course. In these cases, the student should promptly consult with the Office of Undergraduate Studies academic advisors to explore alternative placements or degree programs. Under certain circumstances, students may not be eligible to graduate from the School of Nursing.*

To promote patient safety and to facilitate early identification and intervention for students with substance use and related disorders, as well as compliance with

mandates of affiliated clinical agencies, it is the policy of the UMSN to test for substance use among all its students annually.

The University of Michigan School of Nursing is committed to the safety of patients, students, faculty, and staff. UMSN is also dedicated to the promotion of health of its community members, including those with physical, psychiatric, and substance use concerns, and establishes consistent policies and procedures that foster safety and health. The UMSN supports wellness, restoration, and rehabilitation of students to promote optimal personal and professional functioning. UMSN supports students in caring for themselves to safely care for others.

Undergraduate Student Compliance Requirements List

The University of Michigan School of Nursing Compliance Policy requires all Undergraduate Nursing students who take any course to be in full compliance. This includes courses without a clinical component. Freshmen students with outstanding compliance items in the Fall term will be ineligible to register for the Winter term, inhibiting their progression in the program.

Compliance documents are managed by a third-party vendor, [Complio](#). All students must purchase and create an online account to upload all compliance documents while enrolled in the School of Nursing Undergraduate Program. Complio accounts are a one-time purchase of \$35 for freshmen students for 48 months. For sophomore transfer students the cost is \$30 for 36 months. All students are required to purchase a one-time background check for \$31. Undergraduate nursing students in the first semester of their sophomore year will purchase and create an online account with the Nursing School's placement vendor, ACEMAPP. The cost is \$50.00 and must be renewed annually prior to expiration.

All compliance requirements must be valid for the entire 2025/2026 academic year. This means students are required to remain compliant through April 21, 2026.

Students will not be allowed to begin their clinical rotation until all health and safety requirements are met by the deadline date. In addition, students will not be allowed to begin their clinical rotation until all on-boarding requirements assigned by the student's clinical placement site are completed by the deadline date.

Chapter 6: Clinical Placements

Clinical Locations

Clinical and observational experiences for nursing students take place in a wide range of health agencies, both in and outside of Ann Arbor. Clinical placements may include but are not limited to, hospitals, extended care facilities, city and county health departments, schools, preschool enrichment programs, child health centers, community mental health agencies, and senior citizen centers.

Sometimes our clinical agencies make unexpected changes that require us to find different placements for students. This may mean that the clinical placements could be changed at the last minute.

Agencies use ACEMAPP to determine what schools are accepted for clinicals in their facility. ACEMAPP does not let the school know until the end of June for Fall, and November for Winter, as to whether or not we can use a specific agency. Thus, we cannot make assignments to specific units or areas until this point in time. Please see our School of Nursing Undergraduate Student Resources Canvas Site for more information regarding clinical placements.

As a result of the various clinical course locations, nursing students may be required to travel within Ann Arbor and surrounding areas for clinical and observational experiences. Some of the clinical locations may be at a distance which may require substantial travel time, such as those that require one-hour or more. **Please note: Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites. Although carpooling with other students is possible for some placements, other clinical placements may require individual transportation.** Students are also required to provide their own automobile insurance. Although students will need to drive to clinical locations, they should be aware that parking in Ann Arbor and around the School of Nursing is extremely limited. Many students have found success with the following possible strategies to meet transportation requirements for clinical:

- Take available public transportation or University of Michigan buses when available
- Carpool with other students
- Share taxi or Uber/Lyft expenses (same price as parking sometimes) with other students
- Rent cars and/or share the expense of renting a car with another student
- Borrow a car from a family member/friend

In many clinical placements, secured space may not be provided for outerwear, books, or other valuables. It is recommended that students leave their personal belongings and

valuables at home.

Onboarding

Onboarding is composed of completing various institutional requirements. For a successful placement, students must complete all onboarding requirements by communicated deadlines. If onboarding items are not completed by the communicated deadlines, students will be removed from clinical placement for the term and have to wait until the following term. **Student onboarding requirements must be valid during dates of clinical placement/term.**

Students may be required by a clinical agency to meet additional onboarding requirements, such as those requiring additional fees (badging, additional online agency profiles, etc.).

Some onboarding requirements for clinical agencies may include, but are not limited to:

- Fingerprinting
- Real ID/Acceptable form of identification
- Additional online training outside the ACEMAPP account through the clinical agency website

In-person training/orientations (or mandatories) set forth by clinical agencies are part of the onboarding process. Onboarding provides information deemed vital to faculty, students, and other health center personnel who participate in providing direct patient care.

Mandatories may include, but are not limited to:

- Fire/Safety for Students
- Infection Control
- Patient Safety
- HIPAA

All undergraduate student nurses must complete agency-specific mandatories by communicated deadlines, which could be different from UMSN deadlines. ***Nursing students are not allowed to provide patient care if agency mandates are not complete.*** Students are required to follow all clinical placement site policies and guidelines related to on-boarding and clinical care.

Clinical Skills Preparation and Medication Calculation

Throughout the BSN program, students will be required to complete clinical skills preparation activities and medication calculation assessments. These may include clinical check-offs, competencies, and medication calculation examinations.

Clinical Competencies

Students must be able to perform the designated skills and competencies for their program level before the beginning of their clinical experiences. Juniors and seniors must pass competency checks before beginning clinical (as applicable).

Students are notified in advance of the specific skills and competencies they are required to perform. Assistance and practice opportunities will be available up to the time of assessment. If a student has failed competencies twice, the student cannot begin clinical until further remediation of skills and display of competency. A clinical warning will be issued, and a one-step grade drop in the final grade will result. A remediation plan will be determined by UG leadership, which will be required for completion and prior to future assessment. Progression in the course may be impacted if the student is unable to display competency.

Clinical Learning Center (CLC)

The Clinical Learning Center provides skill training, simulation, and competency testing for nursing students as well as open practice opportunities. The CLC Undergraduate Faculty Lead works closely with the clinical faculty to assist students with their training. A faculty may identify concerns about a student's performance and refer them to practice sessions in the CLC. The faculty may also refer the student for remediation. During remediation, the student must demonstrate progress and achieve performance expectations.

Medication Calculation

Students are expected to be able to accurately calculate all medication dosages for patients across the lifespan. Medication calculation exams will be given in junior and senior clinical courses each term during the first week of classes via the SafeMedicate web-based program. Sophomores will begin taking the medication calculation exam at the start of the term in which they will be expected to pass medications which are usually the winter semester. When students do not pass the 2nd attempt it is considered an unexcused absence (due to not being prepared with competencies required for clinical). It comes with a one-step grade reduction that should be communicated to students in the clinical warning document and remembered by faculty to implement when grading at the end of the term.

Students are required to purchase a license for use of SafeMedicate. Fees are as follows:

- 6-month license - \$35
- 12-month license - \$55
- 24-month license - \$99
- 36-month license - \$124 (*recommended purchased as a Sophomore)

Students are required to use SafeMedicate learning modules and practice exams (e.g.,

diagnostic assessments) to prepare themselves for the Authentic Assessment exams.

Diagnostic Assessments

Before the start of the semester, a set of diagnostic exams is administered to all students. **Scoring Expectations include:**

Sophomores (Winter semester only)

Sophomores must achieve **90%** or better for all **diagnostic assessments**. Students must remediate and retake any exam when **90%** or better is not achieved. Students will not be able to proceed with authentic assessments if they fail to achieve **90%** with diagnostic assessments.

Juniors

Juniors must achieve **95%** or better for all **diagnostic assessments**. Students must remediate and retake any exam when **95%** or better is not achieved. Students will not be able to proceed with authentic assessments if they fail to achieve **95%** with diagnostic assessments.

Seniors

Seniors must achieve **100%** for all **diagnostic assessments**. Students must remediate and retake any exam when **100%** is not achieved. Students will not be able to proceed with authentic assessments if they fail to achieve **100%** with diagnostic assessments.

Authentic Assessments

At the start of the winter semester, a set of authentic assessments are administered to all students. **Scoring Expectations include:**

Sophomores

Sophomores must achieve **90%** or better for all **authentic assessments**. Students must remediate and retake any exam when **90%** or better is not achieved. Students who do not achieve 90% on the second try will complete remediation and pass the authentic assessment before they are allowed to pass medications in clinical. Students will be given a course warning with a one-step reduction in the final grade for unsafe practice due to inadequate preparation, if the authentic assessment is not passed on the second attempt.

If unable to pass on the third attempt, progression in the program may be delayed. The retake of any exam must be scheduled with the SafeMedicate instructor.

Juniors

Students are provided with two attempts to achieve **95%** or better for all **authentic assessments**.

Students will be given a course warning with a one-step reduction in the final grade for unsafe practice due to inadequate preparation, if the authentic assessment is not passed on the second attempt.

Students who fail to achieve **95%** or better after two attempts will not be able to pass medications and will need to meet with a Director of Undergraduate Nursing Education. Students who do not achieve 95% on the second try will complete remediation and pass the authentic assessment before they are allowed to pass medications in clinical. If unable to pass on the third attempt, progression in the program may be delayed.

Seniors

Students are provided with two attempts to achieve **100%** for all **authentic assessments**. Students will be given a course warning with a one-step reduction in the final grade for unsafe practice due to inadequate preparation, if the authentic assessment is not passed on the second attempt.

Students who fail to achieve **100%** after two attempts will not be able to pass medications and will need to meet with a Director of Undergraduate Nursing Education. Students who do not achieve 100% on the second try will complete remediation and pass the authentic assessment before they are allowed to attend clinical. If unable to pass on the third attempt, progression in the program may be delayed.

Repetition of a Clinical

There may be restrictions on which clinical placements are most suited to a student repeating a clinical course. When repeating a clinical course, registration is offered only on a space-available basis. The student should confer with their advisor to discuss plans for repeating a clinical.

Clinical Uniforms and Dress Codes

A clinical placement dress code has been established in recognition of the fact that the mode of dress does affect the establishment of rapport and working relationships with patients, families, and other care providers. Please reference Nurse-Patient Relationships & Professional Conduct sections of the Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct, located in [Appendix A](#). Nursing students are expected to wear student uniforms when giving nursing care unless a different policy is specifically defined by the clinical unit or agency. A student must abide by any uniform or dress codes set by the agency in which

the student is having a clinical experience.

School of Nursing Clinical Uniforms and Dress Code

Acceptable Clothing

- Navy blue scrubs (matching tops or bottoms) properly fitted.
- White lab coat.
- Professional appearing long-sleeve covering (if desired).
- Professional appearing turtleneck or crew neck shirts to wear under scrubs.
- Dress of appropriate length for bending and stretching activities worn with a white or neutral hose.
- Religious, cultural, or medical head coverings for men and women (e.g., yarmulke, hijab).

Shoes

- Shoes with closed-toe and closed low heel, without mesh, are acceptable.
- Socks or stockings are required.

Hair

- Hair must be up off the collar and pulled up and back, so as not to fall onto the patient, or clean/sterile fields when bending over to provide care.
- Beards and mustaches must be neatly trimmed. At the discretion of course instructors or agency employees, students with facial hair may be asked to wear a beard/mustache cover and comply with agency policies.
- Hair accessories cannot be used if they are long enough to touch the patient or if they could potentially harbor bacteria.

Appearance

- Artificial or gel nails are not allowed due to potential infection. Nail polish, if used, should be clear or pale pink/white-coated, without chipping. Nails are to be clean and of a length that cannot scratch the patient during care.
- No excessive jewelry around necks, wrists, or hands, which could harbor bacteria or pose a safety hazard to the student or patients, may be worn.
- Visible body piercings, other than one piercing per ear, may be dangerous in patient-facing settings. We do not recommend nose rings, dangling earrings or multiple earrings to be worn in patient-facing settings.

Identification

- Students must always wear a University of Michigan identification and any name pin or other identification given by the clinical agency.
- The School of Nursing Patch must be sewn on the left sleeve of each uniform, lab coat, and/or long-sleeve covering that is worn on the clinical unit.
- Sophomore students will receive two patches free of charge from the Undergraduate Nursing Program. Additional patches can be purchased for \$5 each.

Dress Code Requirements

For some placements, students do not wear the School of Nursing clinical uniform but are expected to adhere to placement and facility requirements. This may occur in some community settings, as well as when working with nurse leaders during respective clinicals. Please see examples of professional and casual business attire.

Professional Business Attire

- Suit or jacket and pants/ skirt (skirt knee length or below); tailored dress
- Blouse/Shirt
- Shoes – comfortable with a low heel to complement suit; coordinate with attire, clean and shined
- Stockings or socks – to complement the attire
- Jewelry (if applicable) – simple and in good taste
- Tie (if applicable) – in good taste to fit the occasion and complement the outfit
- Belt (if applicable) – coordinate with shoes and suit

Casual Business Attire

- Shirt or blouse with a collar or polo style
- Slacks
- Chinos or khakis – neatly pressed
- Skirt (knee length or below)
- Blazer or sweater
- Loafers or lace-up shoes – cleaned and shined

With clinical uniforms, professional, or casual business attire, makeup should be moderate, and fragrance should be minimal. All clothing should be clean and in good repair. Students must follow the dress code of the agency when the agency has more restrictions. Students will be asked to leave the clinical site if faculty or agency personnel have determined the attire is not appropriate.

Inappropriate Attire

Inappropriate attire, including t-shirts, tank tops, denim, shorts, skirts more than 2" above the knee, tight-fitting or suggestive clothing, flip-flops, sneakers, sandals with exposed toes, athletic wear including hoodies, leggings, bare midriffs or low-cut garments (low-cut necklines or low-rise pants), should not be worn to any clinical placement.

Equipment Needed

- A watch with a second hand
- A good quality penlight (optional)
- A professional, quality made stethoscope with a bell and diaphragm, rubber tubing with a good clear sound (not plastic).
- Bandage scissors (optional)

Purchasing Clinical Uniforms

Scrubs may be purchased at local retailers or online. The School of Nursing identification patches can be purchased at the School in the Undergraduate Studies Office.

Confidentiality and Use of Medical Records

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) governs the use and release of a patient's Personal Health Information (PHI) also known as Protected Health Information. All students and faculty with any access to a clinical setting must comply with HIPAA rules and regulations. This includes understanding HIPAA and training in HIPAA that meets the clinical agency's requirements. Students also must follow agency policies regarding the use of and access to electronic medical records.

Use of Technology and Social Media

Any technology, tool, or online space in clinical agencies cannot be used for personal business. This applies to social media platforms. Students must follow clinical agency policies regarding the use of technology or social media. At times, a clinical setting may allow the use of technology or online space or the use of social media for work purposes. They are only to be used as they relate directly to patient care or specified agency activities.

Agency computers cannot be used for personal business, such as checking e-mail or social media platforms. Any personal communication such as cell phone use or texting must be done outside of agency clinical areas on the student's personal time. Posting or discussing any information about faculty, staff, other students, or external clients (i.e., patients and families) on social media or online space is not permitted. Non-compliance

with policies regarding the use of technology and social media may affect course grades and result in the violation of the Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct, up to and including disenrollment from the School of Nursing.

Accidents During Clinical Experiences

When a nursing student is injured (including a needle stick) during clinical experience, she/he must immediately contact the clinical instructor and/or the nurse in charge of the unit. The clinical faculty and the student together should fill out and submit an injury report and complete appropriate follow-up.

The student may be sent to University Health Services or Employee Health Services; or, if the injury is serious, the student may be sent to an Emergency Department. The student may also be asked to fill out paperwork specific to the agency at which the injury occurred.

Additionally, the instructor should provide a copy of all paperwork to the Office of Undergraduate Studies. The copy will be placed in the student's file.

Malpractice Insurance

The University provides all students enrolled in the University of Michigan School of Nursing with malpractice insurance. The University of Michigan is self-insured. Blanket coverage is in effect for enrolled students in academic activities. Students who also hold professional licensure may wish to obtain additional malpractice insurance from either the American Nurses' Association or the National Student Nurses' Association.

If students have questions about the University's insurance program, they may contact:

U-M Risk Management Office

Phone: 734-764-2200

Fax: 734-763-2043

Email: RiskMgmt.General@umich.edu

Pregnancy

A student who is pregnant may continue clinical practice as long as her health status is satisfactory, and she is able to complete her clinical assignment. A note from her health care provider indicating the safety of participation in clinical activities may be required. For the safety of the student who is pregnant, she must not enter where radioisotopes or x-ray therapy is being administered. Students who are pregnant should consult with their faculty members well in advance of their clinical assignment. Clinical agencies may have policies that determine the placement of students during pregnancy; assignments will be made accordingly.

Chapter 7: Registration Information

Wolverine Access

This is a web-based information system used to access and update your student information online by using [Wolverine Access](#). You can change your address and phone number, register for classes, and view your class schedule, grades, and financial information.

Schedule of Classes

The [Schedule of Classes](#) on the Office of the Registrar's website lists the courses offered by academic year and term. For general information on enrollment/registration (e.g., term withdrawal, add/drop procedures, registration appointments), tuition and fees, and ordering transcripts, please visit the main webpage for the [Office of Registrar](#).

How to Register

Check the Office of the Registrar's [Schedule of Classes](#) for a list of the course offerings in a semester as well as specific course details (e.g., days, time, location, and instructor). Course descriptions for the School of Nursing Undergraduate courses are available in [Appendix F: Undergraduate Course Descriptions](#).

Register via Wolverine Access during your University designated date and time.

Academic advisors will provide overrides for students to register for nursing courses based on the set program plan.

Students who do not complete the above procedures for registration are not assured places in nursing courses. Failure to register prior to the first day of the particular term results in a "late registration fee." Students should register as soon as possible after their registration appointment to ensure space in a class.

Drop/Add Deadlines

Nursing students must follow the School of Nursing's drop/add policy for **ALL COURSES** while registered through the School of Nursing.

First three weeks of a term (weeks one through two of a half-term)

Drops can be made by students in Wolverine Access. Adds require the approval of the

instructor and academic advisor. Students must understand that they are responsible for all work assigned from the beginning of the term. Students need also to be aware that dropping below 12 credit hours per term will jeopardize their University housing and financial arrangements.

Students who wish to add above the 18 credit hours must meet with the academic advisor for approval and will be charged additional tuition fees.

Weeks four through nine of a term (three through four of a half-term)

Drop/adds require the approval of the instructor and the academic advisor. The late drop request is to be made in Wolverine Access. Courses dropped will be listed on the student transcript with a "W." Please refer to the University guidelines regarding tuition adjustment.

Weeks ten through the last day of class (after week four for half term)

Permission to drop will be given during this time period for only the most serious reasons. Failing a course does not constitute a "serious" reason or an extenuating circumstance.

Students must request documentation from the instructor supporting their academic standing (grade) in the class and the instructor's recommendation. The request must then be approved by the academic advisor and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. If the request is not approved, a petition may be submitted and reviewed by the full CAASS Committee. A review of the initial request may take two to three weeks. Students should continue pursuing their existing academic schedules and meeting course requirements until they receive written confirmation of an approved change.

Official Drops (W), Unofficial Drops (ED), No Grade Report (NR)

Any course for which a student registers will appear on the transcript unless the student drops the course during the first three weeks of the term. This does not affect the student's honor point average. A student who unofficially drops a course will either receive an "ED" (Unofficial Drop) or an "NR" (No Grade Reported) on the transcript. A student who officially drops a course after the first three weeks will receive a "W" on the transcript. Both EDs and NRs are calculated into the student's honor point average as an E.

Verification of Enrollment

If a student needs a letter verifying his/her enrollment in the School of Nursing, or a certificate of "good standing" or "full-time student", he/she should contact the academic advisors in the Office of Undergraduate Studies at UMSN-UndergradAdvisors@med.umich.edu and include their name, student ID number, and any details about the request.

Special Student Status and Transfer

Students who become ineligible to register may initially request one term of Special Student Status. Special Student Status allows students to register for courses outside the School of Nursing in order to raise their term grade point average and cumulative grade point average for transfer to another University of Michigan unit. Special Student Status may be granted by a School of Nursing academic advisor. Students may request a second term of Special Student Status; however, they must have demonstrated significant progress towards raising their term grade point average and cumulative grade point average for transfer. The second term of Special Student Status may be granted by the academic advisor after approval from the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies.

The School of Nursing reserves the right to deny Special Student Status to any student whose academic standing, clinical performance, professional behavior, health, or general fitness makes it inadvisable for the student to register.

Those wishing to transfer from the School of Nursing to another school on campus should adhere to the following guidelines:

A student should see their advisor as soon as they think they might want to transfer to discuss the process.

During a freshman's first semester at the School of Nursing, they must take the required nursing classes (please see the Traditional BSN program plan for course requirements) unless they obtain special permission from an academic advisor.

A student should schedule an appointment with an advisor in the school to which they are considering transferring and follow that school's application procedure.

After a student has been accepted to another school on campus, the student should meet with their advisor at the School of Nursing to fill out the withdrawal paperwork to officially withdraw from the School of Nursing.

The student will need to reapply to the school of nursing through the admissions office, in the event they decide later to return.

Chapter 8: Graduation and RN Licensure Information

Graduation Requirements Applying for Graduation

To qualify for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing every student must:

Successfully complete the course requirements, including professional, basic science, social science, and elective courses. Elective course credits must include a minimum of 12 credit hours for students.

Earn a cumulative honor point average of at least 2.0 and 2.0 honor point average in professional courses.

Earn at least 128 credits of which at least 64 credits are in residence.

All undergraduate students must complete their BSN program within seven years from the time of admission.

Residency Requirements for the Degree in Nursing

To be eligible for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Michigan School of Nursing students are required to complete half of the required program credits in residence. In addition, BSN students must complete all science and clinical nursing courses in residence at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

All students must apply for graduation on [Wolverine Access](#). The School of Nursing, Office of Undergraduate Studies will notify students via e-mail of the deadline to apply for graduation. Students must have completed the online graduation application and have met all degree requirements by the end of the term of expected graduation to be eligible to graduate.

University of Michigan Commencement

The University of Michigan holds two graduation ceremonies each calendar year, one in April or May and one in December. April/May graduates participate in April/May graduation. August or December graduates participate in one ceremony of their choice. For more detailed information, see the University of Michigan's [Commencement](#) page.

School of Nursing Commencement Ceremony

The School of Nursing holds one commencement ceremony in April or May of each year. To participate in the commencement ceremony, students must have completed the application for graduation by the deadline announced by the Office of Undergraduate

Studies and be eligible to graduate in April, August, or December of the same year.

Information will be provided to graduating students and posted on the UMSN's [Graduation](#) page.

Specific School of Nursing convocation ceremony dates will be posted closer to the time of the event.

Recognition of Superior Scholarship at Commencement

Students who have excelled in their program may qualify to graduate with honors. Final honor awards will be calculated based on *the final cumulative GPA after a student's final term*.

Graduating with honors will be determined as follows: Top 5% (GPA) = Summa Cum Laude
Next 10% (GPA) = Magna Cum Laude Next 10% (GPA) = Cum Laude

Students who achieve a 3.8 or above GPA will be recognized as receiving Dean's Honors.

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)

Following successful completion of the study program, the Nursing graduate may apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as a registered nurse (RN).

NCLEX Application

The NCLEX Candidate Bulletin and Information can be downloaded online from Pearson Vue's [The NCLEX Examination](#) page.

Prior to beginning the application process, it is strongly recommended that students visit the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)'s [Health Professions Licensing Division](#) (select on the Professional Licensing tab, and then select Health Licensing (apply and renew).

To Apply for Michigan Licensure:

Apply online to the Michigan Board of Nursing www.michigan.gov/miplus. The State of Michigan is no longer accepting paper applications.

The **MI Nursing School Certification of Education form** is required by the Michigan Board of Nursing (MBN). This form will be completed and sent by the School of Nursing to

the MBN once all requirements are posted on the student transcript. This usually occurs mid-May for winter graduates, early September for summer graduates, and mid-January for fall graduates. Please Note: The MBN will match the MI Nursing School Certification form with the student's application.

Register with Pearson Professional Testing NCLEX and pay the examination fee. See the following website for more information: <http://www.vue.com/nclex/>. The University of Michigan School of Nursing school code is **09-559**.

Once Pearson Professional Testing receives your eligibility to test from the Board of Nursing, you will receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) from Pearson Professional Testing. **DO NOT LOSE THIS FORM.**

Schedule your exam. You must sit for the NCLEX within 90 days of receiving ATT.

To Apply for RN licensure in a State Other than Michigan:

A student may apply for RN licensure in the state he/she wishes to practice. Contact examination the State Board of Nursing in the state you wish to sit for licensure. Specific information regarding examination requirements in states other than Michigan may be procured from the appropriate State Board of Nursing. For more information, visit the [National Council of State Boards of Nursing](#).

Read all the instructions carefully.

Complete a **Certificate of Completion/Certification of Education** from the application packet and bring it with the instructions to the School of Nursing Undergraduate Studies Office. It is important to give specific instructions with the certificate, as various State Boards of nursing have different procedures.

Once the student completes all BSN program requirements, the School of Nursing form will be sent to the appropriate State Board of Nursing by the school or by the student per instructions.

If an official copy of the student transcript **with the BSN degree posted** is required for state licensure, a student can order an official copy of his/her transcript from the University of Michigan's Office of the Registrar. For more detailed information about transcript ordering, see the Registrar's [Ordering Transcripts from the Ann Arbor Campus](#) page. **NOTE:** The BSN degree is usually posted to the academic transcript about one month after graduation. When ordering your transcript, please be sure that you select the 'hold for degree conferral' box so that your transcript will include your degree completion.

Appendix A: Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct

Introduction

The education of the students at the University of Michigan School of Nursing is based on the concept that integrity, sense of responsibility, and self-discipline are inherent to the profession of nursing. The responsibility of the individual student to sustain high ethical standards is parallel to the concept that the professional nurse must be accountable for professional standards in the practice of nursing (published in [American Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Nurses](#) (2025)). The continuation and enhancement of ethical standards within the academic community and nursing profession are the individual responsibility of each student and faculty member. Mutual respect and trustworthiness between the faculty and students promote optimal learning.

The students at UMSN are expected to exhibit behavior appropriate to the profession of nursing. They must assume personal responsibility for being in the physical and mental condition to provide safe nursing care and for the knowledge and skills necessary to give this care. Failure to abide by these standards and responsibilities will result in submission of a potential honor code violation to the Resolution Officer. See Reporting Procedures for an Alleged Infraction, page 81.

Applicability

The Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct (also referred to as the Conduct Policy) applies to all students enrolled in the School of Nursing and includes programs, events, and activities affiliated with, sponsored by or sanctioned by the School of Nursing. In addition, the Conduct Policy covers all student nonacademic and extracurricular activities, regardless of whether the activity takes place on or off-campus, that have an adverse impact on the University, the School of Nursing, faculty, staff, students, patients, clinical staff, or impacts fitness for the profession and eligibility for licensure.

Nursing students are also required to comply with the [Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#).

Any questions regarding the Conduct Policy should be addressed immediately to the Resolutions Officer, who will interface with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. Any questions regarding the meaning of any provision of this Conduct Policy will be decided by the Dean of the School of Nursing. The Dean's decision as to any questions of interpretation is final.

Definitions of Unacceptable Behavior

The following behaviors are examples of violations of the Conduct Policy. **This list is not**

intended to be all-inclusive of behaviors that violate the basic ethical or professional standards expected of Nursing Students. In addition, attempts at misconduct as well as completed acts are violations of the Conduct Policy.

Plagiarism

Taking credit for someone else's work or ideas regardless of the media; stealing others' results or methods; copying the writing of others without proper citation, quotation marks, or other forms of proper acknowledgment; utilization of artificial intelligence inappropriately; or otherwise taking credit falsely. Previously submitted work cannot be resubmitted for another course or assignment without instructor approval, as this may constitute self-plagiarism.

Cheating

Using or attempts to use unauthorized notes, study aids, technology, links/codes, and/or information from another person on an examination, report, paper, or other evaluative document; unauthorized altering of a graded work after it has been returned, then submitting the work for re-grading; and allowing another person to do all or part of one's work and to submit the work under one's own name.

Falsification of Data

Dishonesty in reporting results, ranging from sheer fabrication of data, improper adjustment of results, and gross negligence in collecting and analyzing data to selective reporting or omission of conflicting data for deceptive purposes.

Falsification of Data or Information to University Officials, Faculty Members, Staff, or Clinical Areas

Dishonesty in reporting either verbally or in written material, false data, or information.

Aiding and Abetting Dishonesty

Providing material, information, or assistance to another person with the knowledge or reasonable expectation that the material, information, or assistance will be used to commit an act that would be prohibited by this Code or that is prohibited by law or another applicable code of conduct. Students are responsible for reporting cheating or dishonesty if they observe a breach in the honor code.

Violating Instructions Regarding Completion of Assignments

Although independent study is recognized as a primary method of effective learning, at times students benefit from studying together and discussing home assignments and

laboratory experiments. When any material is to be turned in for inspection, grading or evaluation, it is the responsibility of the student to ascertain what cooperation, if any, between them, is permitted by the instructor.

Falsification of Academic Records and Official Documents

Without proper authorization, altering documents affecting academic records, forging signatures of authorization, or falsifying information on an official academic document, election form, grade report, letter of permission, petition, clinical record, or any other official University document.

Violating Computer, Technology or Social Media Use Policies

Violating the University's [Responsible Use of Information Resources Policy](#) (Standard Practice Guide, 601.07) that defines the proper and ethical use of computers at the University of Michigan. Violation of clinical partner's policies as it pertains to use of computers, technology or social media.

Misuse of Technology

Misuse of technology including cell phones, iPads, laptops, etc. This may include sharing links/codes unauthorized for distribution, misuse of artificial intelligence, failure to follow instructions regarding use of technology on course assignments/activities.

Acting Out of Scope of Student Nurse Practice

Overextending boundaries and scope of student nurse practice refers to any actions taken by a nursing student that exceeds their level of training, competence, or the guidelines set forth by their faculty, educational institution, or clinical placement. This includes performing procedures or making clinical decisions beyond what is authorized for a student nurse.

Violations may include but are not limited to:

- Not following a chain of command or instructions set forth by faculty.
- Performing clinical tasks without appropriate supervision or delegation from a licensed nurse or faculty.
- Initiating or altering treatment plans without consulting the nurse mentor/preceptor or instructor.
- Administering medications or conducting invasive procedures without prior approval.
- Misrepresenting oneself as a licensed nurse.
- Providing patient care beyond the academic or clinical competencies acquired.
- Engaging in unprofessional or inappropriate verbal or physical interactions with patients, faculty, staff, or peers, including using disrespectful language or gestures or invading personal space.

- Independently contacting School of Nursing Practice Partners: bypassing the established methods of communication and authority of the student role.

Providing Nursing Care in an Unsafe or Harmful manner

This includes carrying out a procedure without competence or without the guidance of a qualified person; willfully or intentionally doing physical and/or mental harm to a client; exhibiting careless or negligent behavior in connection with the care of a client; refusing to assume the assigned and necessary care of a client and failing to inform the instructor and nursing staff with immediacy so that an alternative measure for that care can be found.

Disrespecting the Privacy of a Client

This includes using sufficient information about a patient (e.g. full name, last name, or position) in written assignments and/or patient data of any sort (e.g. computer-generated forms that will be removed from the clinical area) such that the patient could be identified; discussing confidential information in inappropriate areas, such as elevators; discussing confidential information about a patient with third parties who do not have a clear and legitimate need to know; violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); and referencing patients on social networking sites and devices.

Falsifying Patient Records or Fabricating Nursing Care or Patient Experiences

This includes the fabrication of written materials and verbal reports for the clinical area as well as written material and verbal reports for the School of Nursing.

Failing to Report Omission of or Error in Treatment or Medications

Failure to report the omission or error to the appropriate people, including clinical staff, clinical administration, and School of Nursing faculty.

Using Drugs and Alcohol

Using, possessing, selling, or distributing illicit drugs (including prescription drugs) or alcohol; illegally using, selling, possessing, or distributing illicit drugs or alcohol; or using prescribed, over the counter, or illicit substances in such a manner as to impair one's judgment or performance as a nursing student, including being in a class or clinical setting under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or prescribed drugs inconsistent with the prescribed use.

Commission of a Crime

Engaging in illegal or criminal activity that would impact the student's ability to obtain or maintain a professional license or employment in the nursing profession. The results of

criminal proceedings will not be determinative of proceedings under this Conduct Policy.

Other Professional Misconduct

Violation of the American Nurses' Association (ANA) Code of Ethics for Nurses is unacceptable. Nursing students are expected to "maintain compassionate and caring relationships with colleagues and others with a commitment to the fair treatment of individuals, to integrity-preserving compromise, and to resolving a conflict. This standard of conduct precludes any and all prejudicial actions, any form of harassment or threatening behavior, or disregard for the effect of one's actions on others" (<https://codeofethics.ana.org/>). Students asked to be removed from a clinical site due to unprofessionalism may be at risk for immediate failure of the course and/or dismissal from the program.

Disrespectful Verbal and Written Communication

Students are expected to be respectful and considerate in verbal and written communication with faculty, staff, clinical staff, patients, and other students.

Disruptive Behavior

Obstructing or disrupting classes, team projects, talks or other presentations, or other activities or programs of the school or other parts of the University and obstructing access to School community assets or to similar resources in other parts of the University. Excluded is any behavior protected by the University's policy on "[Freedom of Speech and Artistic Expression](#)" (Standard Practice Guide, 601.01).

Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment

This includes not only sexual harassment, but also hazing, stalking, repeatedly sending emails, making phone calls or transmitting documents that are uninvited and unwanted, making threats, and any other wrongful conduct that seriously interferes with the work or study of any member of the school community, guest or any person with whom the offender is interacting in connection with any School program or activity. The University's definition of sexual harassment can be found in the [University of Michigan Sexual and Gender-based Misconduct Policy](#).

Obstructing the investigation of a possible violation of this code

Including making dishonest or misleading statements, either orally or in written form, including e-mails; other falsification of information; altering, destroying, or deleting relevant documents, files, or emails; and any other act that hinders an investigation.

Reporting Procedures for an Alleged Infraction

All members of the Nursing community – faculty, administrators, staff, and students – have a responsibility to report any reasonable suspicion that a student has violated this Conduct Policy. A report must be immediately made to the Resolutions Officer, who will interface with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. Anyone not sure of whether to report a suspicion should consult with the Resolutions Officer before making a decision not to formally report the suspicious behavior.

All faculty members are required to report all incidents of academic misconduct (e.g., plagiarism, cheating, falsification of data, and violation of nursing standards) that occur in their course to the Resolutions Officer. It is important that all faculty report all misconduct so that there can be fairness in the application of the Conduct Policy across the entire student body.

Preliminary Inquiry

If there is an alleged violation, the faculty member, student, or staff reporting the possible violation will submit a written description of the potential violation and the circumstances to the Resolutions Officer within ten (10) business days.

The Resolutions Officer will provide the student with written notice of the allegation of misconduct within ten (10) business days of receipt of the written report alleging misconduct.

The Resolutions Officer or their designee will meet with the student as soon as possible after the notice of alleged misconduct has been received by the student, but no later than ten (10) business days. In this meeting, the Resolutions Officer will (a) inform the student of the nature of the allegations; (b) explain the honor code violation process, and (c) explain the student's options.

After the preliminary meeting with the student, the Resolutions Officer will meet with the faculty member, the student, and an advisor or an administrative designee within ten (10) business days. A letter containing the findings of this meeting and sanctions for the student to complete (if applicable) will be sent to the student within ten (10) business days of the meeting. The possible outcomes are listed below:

the relevant parties determine that no infraction occurred, and the matter resolved, or the student accepts responsibility for the alleged violation and the sanctions, as determined by the Resolutions Officer and reporting faculty, and signs a statement indicating his or her agreement, or

the student signs a statement indicating he or she does not accept responsibility for the

alleged violation and sanctions as determined by the Resolutions Officer and faculty and the Resolution Officer refers the matter to CAASS for a hearing.

If the student accepts responsibility and completes the sanctions, those sanctions will be evaluated by the Resolutions Officer and reporting faculty for completeness, appropriateness, applicability, and quality. The student may be required to modify his/her completed sanctions based on this evaluation.

If the matter is referred to CAASS for a hearing, the Resolutions Officer, in conjunction with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, will determine whether the student can proceed in the program until the CAASS hearing panel has issued their findings. This will be considered and determined on a case-by-case basis.

Hearing

If the matter is referred to a CAASS hearing panel, the Chair of CAASS will be notified by the Resolutions Officer and a hearing will be held. The hearing is conducted by a three-person panel (referred to as a hearing panel), established by the Resolutions Officer, and composed of two (2) faculty members (at least one being a member of CAASS) and one student representative. The Resolutions Officer will select one of the two faculty members to serve as chair of the hearing panel.

If a student has concerns about the potential bias of a member of the hearing panel, the student can submit a written request to the Resolutions Officer, with rationale, for substitution of another member. The Resolutions Officer will approve or disapprove the request and that decision is final.

Hearing Participant Roles

The table below serves as a guideline for a CAASS hearing. Actual participants and roles may vary.

Participant	Role description during the hearing
Resolutions Officer	Observer
Student	Active participant
Reporting faculty member(s)	Active participant
Hearing Panel	

Faculty panel member (chair)	Principle facilitator
Faculty panel member	Active participant
Student panel member	Active participant
Academic advisor (UG Office)	Observer
Witness(es)	Participant (one called at a time and present only during witness portion of hearing)
Personal advisor (to the student)	Observer (provides support and advises the student; not an active participant)

Hearing Procedures

No later than ten (10) business days before the hearing, the student and the reporting faculty must submit, in writing, to the Resolutions Officer:

all documents that each party would like the hearing panel to consider;

a list of all relevant witnesses whom they would like to have submitted testimony before the hearing panel;

written testimony of witnesses, if they are not available.

The student may invite one personal advisor to the hearing. However, the role of the personal advisor is to support and advise the student not to participate in the proceedings. If the student intends to have a personal advisor accompany him or her, the student must submit the name of the personal advisor to the Resolutions Officer and the student must state whether the advisor is an attorney.

No later than five (5) business days before the hearing, the Resolutions Officer will provide each party with a hearing packet that includes:

all documentation that has been submitted for review by the student and reporting faculty;
the list of expected attendees, including hearing panelists, witnesses, and personal advisor;
any relevant information about the hearing.

All expected attendees (i.e., any additional witnesses and/or personal advisor) must be identified and communicated, in writing, to the Resolutions Officer no less than three (3) business days prior to the hearing. If additional attendees are identified, an updated list of attendees will be distributed to hearing participants.

In addition to hearing testimony from the witnesses identified by the student and the reporting faculty and/or Resolutions Officer, the hearing panel may, at its discretion, hear testimony from any other party whose testimony it deems relevant to the proceeding, including other witnesses and course faculty. The hearing panel may also review any other documents or evidence that it deems relevant to the proceeding.

The student will have an opportunity to appear before the hearing panel to present his or her case and remain present while all testimony and information is presented to the hearing panel. The student may review all documents considered by the hearing panel and may question witnesses who appear before the hearing panel. The student may also present his or her own evidence and witnesses.

Persons reporting the violation have the right to be present, provide relevant information, and make recommendations regarding the sanctions.

The hearing panel may conduct the hearing even if the student is absent and there have been reasonable attempts to contact the student and will make its findings and recommendations based on the information presented to the hearing panel.

If the student fails or declines to appear before the panel, the panel will proceed to hear the case and make findings and recommendations without the student's participation.

The hearing panel may limit any testimony based on redundancy or lack of relevance.

The private hearing will be closed to the public. The hearing panel will deliberate in private. No court reporters, stenographers, videographers, or similar professionals are permitted without the prior consent of the School of Nursing. Records and documents that will be available, in advance, to all parties may be redacted to protect the privacy rights of individuals who are not directly involved in the hearing process.

After hearing the case, the hearing panel will deliberate in private. The vote of the majority of the hearing panel members, including the panel chair, will determine whether the student is found responsible for the alleged violation, and sanctions will be determined by the hearing panel with input from the reporting faculty and the Resolutions Officer. The hearing panel's decision that the student is responsible for an alleged violation will be at the sole discretion of the hearing panel if, based on the totality of the evidence presented, it is more likely than not that the violation occurred. The chair of the hearing panel will prepare a written report containing factual findings and stating any sanctions to be imposed.

The hearing panel's determination will be communicated in writing by the chair of the hearing panel to the Resolutions Officer, who will send a letter of findings and sanctions to the student by email. Copies will be distributed to the appropriate faculty members, the Chair of CAASS, the Resolutions Officer, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies,

and the student's record. This will complete the process unless the student appeals the decision (see Appeals below).

The decision of the hearing panel is effective immediately. If the student plans to make an appeal, the student has the option of asking the Resolutions Officer for a delay in implementation of the sanction until the appeal process is completed. The Resolutions Officer's decision as to whether to delay the implementation of the sanction is final. In situations in which there is a serious alleged violation or serious violation of professional standards affecting the safety or well-being of other students, faculty, clinical staff, or patients, the Resolutions Officer and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies may take appropriate emergency action. Such actions may include but are not limited to, not allowing the student back into a clinical agency until the matter has been addressed through the process, suspension, or disenrollment.

Appeals

Within five (5) business days of receiving the written notification of the hearing panel decision from the Resolutions Officer, the student may submit a written appeal of the decision or sanction (or both) to the full Committee on Academic Admissions and Scholastic Standing (CAASS) and the Resolutions Officer. Appeals must be based on at least one of the following arguments:

There were violations of procedure that seriously compromised the investigation and/or conclusions.

The evidence clearly does not support the findings.

The sanctions are excessive relative to the violation.

There is significant new evidence not reasonably available at the time of the investigation.

The Chair of CAASS will determine if the appeal meets the above conditions. If not, the Chair of CAASS notifies the student within ten (10) business days and the matter is ended. If there is evidence that the appeal should be reviewed, the full CAASS will view the written appeal.

However, the members of the hearing panel in Section D of the policy will not participate in the review of the appeal. The Chair of CAASS will issue a written report regarding the full CAASS decision within twenty-one (21) business days of receiving the appeal. The decision of the CAASS is final and no further appeals are allowed.

Sanctions

Each incident and everyone involved is unique, and all mitigating circumstances will be considered with each violation. **The following list is an example of the type of sanctions that may be imposed and is not intended to be all-inclusive.** A combination of sanctions

may be imposed. Documentation of violations and sanctions will become a permanent part of the student record.

Possible sanctions include:

Educational Project: Completion of a class, workshop, or project to help the student understand why his or her behavior was inappropriate and/or how to avoid a future violation (e.g., a workshop on ethical behavior).

Service: Performance of one or more tasks designed to benefit the School or the nearby community and to help the student understand why her or his behavior was inappropriate.

Warning: A formal reprimand informing the student in writing that he or she has violated the code and that any future violations will be dealt with more severely.

Grade Change: A lowering of the student's grade, up to and including failure (E, F, No credit, or U). With nursing being the most trusted profession for over 20 years, we hold integrity as one of the highest values within the profession. As such, students who receive an honor code violation for cheating on any coursework (e.g., exams, case studies, projects, weekly assignments) will receive a zero on the assignment and a 20% reduction in overall grade for the course.

Additional Coursework: The completion of additional course work or clinical experience.

Disciplinary Probation: Designation of a period during which the student will not be in good standing with the school. The terms of the probation may involve restrictions on student privileges and/or may delineate expectations of behavior. Consequences may also be spelled out if the student fails to meet the terms. A record of the probationary period will be included in the student's academic file.

Transcript Notation: A notation on the student's official transcript will indicate that the student is "Not in Good Academic Standing" because of an academic honor code violation.

Withholding a Degree: Withholding of the student's degree until stated sanction requirements have been met. There may be a deadline set for meeting the requirements which, if not met, will result in the student's loss of eligibility to receive the degree at any time in the future.

Suspension: Temporary removal of a student from the program for a specified or unspecified period, which will be permanently noted on the transcript. There can be stipulated conditions for readmission to the students' program as well as a time limit for meeting those stipulations to be eligible to receive a degree in the future.

Expulsion: Permanent dismissal from the program, which will be permanently noted on the

student's transcript, including the reason for expulsion.

Rescinding a Degree: Annulment of a degree previously awarded by the School of Nursing.

In addition, the School of Nursing may withhold a School of Nursing degree until the hearing process or sanctions are satisfactorily completed.

Confidentiality and File Retention Policy

Records created under this Conduct Policy are governed by the same confidentiality and file retention policies applicable to other student records.

Waiver of Deadlines

All deadlines, as provided for in this policy, may be waived at the discretion of the Resolutions Officer, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, or the Chair of CAASS. Requests for extensions or waivers of deadlines should be submitted in writing to the appropriate person, depending on the stage in the process. The Resolutions Officer, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, or the Chair of CAASS may, on his or her own initiative, or in response to a request of a party, alter deadlines when it is in the best interest of all parties to do so. Some circumstances such as holidays or scheduling difficulties may impact the time frames for the honor code meetings/letters/hearing/responses. All parties, however, should make reasonable efforts to complete the honor code process within the designated time.

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Appendix B: School of Nursing Student Grievance Process

Introduction

The purpose of the Grievance Process is to provide a mechanism for an objective internal review of faculty and staff actions or School committee decisions. Students should use this policy to address the following concerns/issues:

Discriminatory¹, unfair, arbitrary, or capricious treatment by faculty, staff, or committee.
Research misconduct or plagiarism of student intellectual property by faculty or staff.
Failure to accommodate verified disabilities.
Violation of the School of Nursing or University Policy (e.g., Student Records Policy)

A student's disappointment or disagreement about a **grade or course placement** is not a grievable matter unless the student brings forth specific information in support of the grounds for grievance listed above. A decision made by a **school committee, including the Committee on Academic Admissions and Scholastic Standing, CAASS**, is not grievable unless the student brings forth specific new information that supports the basis for grievance as listed above.

Students enrolled in courses in other schools and colleges should utilize the Grievance Process within those respective units if there is a grievance regarding courses in those schools.

In cases where a student's complaint or grievance may be heard or reviewed in more than one University forum, the student may have the matter heard or reviewed in one forum of his or her choice.

Student resources include their academic advisors, the University Ombudsperson, and the Resolutions Officer. Faculty may consult with their unit representative.

II. Grievance Process

Initial Steps

The student should meet with the faculty, staff member, or committee chair within ten (10) business days after the incident in question to try to resolve the matter. In regard to a grievance related to a faculty or staff member, if the student does not find that the matter is resolved, the student should seek an appointment with the faculty member responsible for leading or directing the course (where applicable) or staff supervisor within ten (10) business days after meeting with the faculty or staff member to discuss the matter.

If the grievance is in regard to a school committee, the student should make an

appointment within ten (10) business days with the chair of the committee involved in the matter.

If the student does not find that the matter is resolved, the student should meet with the Resolutions Officer within ten (10) business days of meeting with the faculty member responsible for leading/directing the course, the staff supervisor, or the committee chair. The Resolutions Officer will interface with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. The Resolutions Officer may request a separate meeting with the faculty member, supervisor, or committee chair involved prior to a meeting with both student and faculty or staff member.

If at this point, there is no resolution, the student may elect to begin the formal grievance process.

Formal Grievance Process

Step 1: Written Grievance: The Written Grievance initiates the Formal Grievance Process. The student must submit a written grievance to the Resolutions Officer, requesting a grievance hearing. In order to move forward, the written grievance must include:

The specific reason for the grievance as it relates to one of the four issues noted in Section I, circumstances surrounding the situation, any mitigating factors, and specifically requested outcomes of the grievance.

The Written Grievance shall be submitted within ten (10) business days following the date of the meeting with the Resolutions Officer.

Step 2: Respondent's Statement: The Respondent (faculty member, staff member, or committee chair) must submit a written response to the Resolutions Officer within ten (10) business days after receipt of the Written Grievance.

Step 3: Grievance Hearing: The grievance hearing will be scheduled by the Resolutions Officer within thirty (30) business days after receiving the respondent's written statement. The grievance hearing is conducted by a three-person panel (referred to as a grievance panel), established by the Resolutions Officer, and comprises two (2) faculty members and one (1) student. The Resolutions Officer will select one of the two faculty members to serve as chair of the grievance panel. CAASS members are excluded from grievance panels.

If the Resolutions Officer is involved in the substance of the grievance, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies will make arrangements for the grievance hearing. If a student has concerns about the potential bias of a member of the grievance panel, the student can

submit a written request to the Resolutions Officer, with rationale, for substitution of another member. The Resolutions Officer will approve or disapprove the request and that decision is final.

The grievant student may call relevant witnesses during the hearing to provide testimony about the matter. The involved faculty, staff member, or committee chair may also provide testimony and relevant witnesses during the hearing.

No later than ten (10) business days prior to the hearing, all parties (including the student and respondents) will submit, in writing, to the Resolutions Officer:

all relevant documentation that each party would like the grievance panel to consider, and a list of all relevant witnesses whom they would like to have submitted testimony before the hearing panel.

Each party may invite one (1) personal advisor to the hearing; however, the grievous student will be informed that the role of the personal advisor is to support and advise the grievous student, not participate in the proceedings. Parties must provide the name of the personal advisor to the chair of the hearing panel and Resolutions Officer, including whether the personal advisor is an attorney.

No later than five (5) business days before the hearing, the Resolutions Officer will provide grievance hearing participants with a hearing packet that includes:
the student's formal written grievance and relevant documentation,
the respondent's written response and relevant documentation,
the list of expected attendees, including hearing panelists, witnesses, and personal advisor, and any additional relevant information about the hearing.

All expected attendees (i.e., any additional witnesses and/or personal advisor) must be identified and communicated, in writing, to the Resolutions Officer no less than three (3) business days prior to the hearing. If additional attendees are identified, an updated list of attendees will be distributed to hearing participants.

Grievance Hearing Participant Roles

The table below serves as a guideline for basic grievance hearing. Actual participants and roles may vary.

Participant	Role description during the hearing
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Resolutions Officer	Observer
Student	Active participant
Respondent (faculty member, staff member, or committee chair)	Active participant
Grievance panel	
Faculty panel member	Principle facilitator
(chair) Faculty panel	Active participant
member Student panel	Active participant
Member	
Academic advisor (UG Studies Office)	Observer
Witness(es)	Participant (one called at a time and present only during witness portion of hearing)
Personal advisor(s)	Observer (provides support and advises the student; not an active participant)

Step 4: The Findings: After hearing the case, the grievance panel will deliberate in private. Within ten (10) business days, the grievance panel's findings and recommendations for resolution will be communicated, in writing, by the grievance panel chair to the Resolutions Officer. The Resolutions Officer will inform the student of the grievance panel's decision, in writing, by email and a certified letter, delivered by the postal service to the local address on file in the Wolverine Access, within ten (10) business days of receiving the grievance panel reported recommendations. Copies will be distributed to the respondent, the Resolutions Officer, and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. This will complete the process unless the student appeals the decision (see below).

Students or respondents may appeal the findings to the Dean in writing. The Dean will determine the final resolution of the matter.

Some circumstances such as holidays or scheduling difficulties may impact the time frames for the grievance. Both parties, however, should make reasonable efforts to complete the grievance process within the designated time.

Appendix C: School of Nursing Plagiarism Policy

“Plagiarism is the act of using another person’s ideas or expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source...to plagiarize is to give the impression that you have written or thought of something that you have in fact borrowed from someone else.”

This and other quotations used below are all taken from section 1.6 (pages 21-25) of the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research papers by Joseph Gibaldi and Walter S. Achert, 3rd edition. New York: The Modern Language Association, 1988. At Reference Desk. PE 1478.G43 1988.

What Is the Penalty for Plagiarism?

“Plagiarism often carries severe penalties, ranging from failure in a course to expulsion from school.”

Do I Have to Footnote Every Fact?

“If you have any doubt about whether or not you are committing plagiarism, cite your source or sources.”

What If I Put Someone Else’s Ideas in My Own Words?

“Other forms of plagiarism include repeating someone else’s particularly apt phrase without appropriate acknowledgment, paraphrasing another person’s argument as your own, and presenting another’s line of thinking as though it were your own.”

Why Does Plagiarism Matter?

Careers and reputations have been damaged by findings of plagiarism. Journalists have been fired from the Sun-Times (M. Fitzgerald, 1990), the Wall Street Journal (D. Lazare, 1991) and the Nashville Tennessean (M. Fitzgerald, 1989). A Harvard psychiatrist resigned after a finding of plagiarism against him (McDonald, 1988) and Art Buchwald sued Paramount Pictures (and won) over the idea for the plot of Coming to America (McDowell, 1990).

Fitzgerald, M. (1989, September 16). Rash of plagiarism: Nashville Tennessean fires an editor, reprimands another. Editor & Publisher, 15.

Fitzgerald, M. (1990, June 23). Sun-Times drops columnist over plagiarism. Editor & Publisher, 17.

Goldman, P. (1982). Malcolm X. Dictionary of American Negro Biography. New York: W.W. Norton & Co., p. 422.

Lazare, D. (1991, January-February). The Kandell case: Plagiarism at The Wall Street

Journal? Columbia Journalism Review, 6.

McDonald, K.A. (1988, December 7). Noted Harvard psychiatrist resigns post after faculty group finds he plagiarized. The Chronicle of Higher Education, A1.

McDowell, J. (1990, January 22). He's got their number, almost, a writer scores against a studio but where's the money? Time: 50.

Is This Plagiarism?

Read this passage from the article on Malcolm X by Peter Goldman (1982) in *Dictionary of American Negro Biography*.

"In prison, Malcolm was introduced by his younger brother Reginald to the teachings of the Lost-Found Nation of Islam, the sect led until 1975 by Elijah Muhammad and known popularly as the Black Muslims. Malcolm quickly became a convert, took the Muslim "X" in place of the "slave name" Little, shed his past and entered upon his own re-education, beginning by copying words out of a dictionary from A to Z. He was ordained a minister after his release, and over the next twelve years he became the best known and most effective evangelist of the Nation of Islam, heading its Harlem mosque, organizing dozens of more temples from Connecticut to California, building its following from 400 to perhaps 10,000 registered members and countless additional sympathizers."

Are the following paragraphs correctly done or has some plagiarism taken place?

Malcolm was introduced by his younger brother to the teachings of the Nation of Islam while he was in prison; he became a convert, exchanged the Muslim "X" for the "slave name" Little and eventually became an ordained minister.

Loose paraphrasing of the author's words with no credit given for the ideas is plagiarism.

As the Nation of Islam's most famous evangelist, Malcolm built its membership from 400 to as many as 10,000.

The statistics given are not common knowledge and are not credited. Plagiarism!

Malcolm quickly became a convert, took the Muslim "X" in place of the "slave name" Little, shed his past and entered upon his own re-education, beginning by copying "words out of a dictionary A to Z."

Still plagiarized! While the writer used a footnote indicating the source, she does not use quotation marks to indicate that the sentence was lifted in its entirety. Chances are that an abrupt change in writing style will be noticeable to a critical reader.

The "best known and most effective evangelist of the Nation of Islam", Malcolm had been introduced to the Lost-Found Nation of Islam, known as the Black Muslims, by his younger

brother while he was in prison; ordained a minister after his release, he was instrumental in the growth of the Nation of Islam over the next 12 years (Goldman, 1982, p. 422)².

The direct quote is in quotation marks, but the reference does not appear until the end of the sentence, indicating that both those specific words and other facts are Goldman's.

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Appendix D: School of Nursing Student Email Group Guidelines

The University of Michigan School of Nursing creates and maintains student email groups. Important information is disseminated to students via these groups. New students are added to the appropriate group when they enter the School of Nursing. Only students' uniquename@umich.edu address is used in these groups. If students choose to forward their mail to another account, they are responsible for ensuring that their emails are being received in this other account. The School of Nursing will not be responsible for any information not received from e-mails sent to the UMSN student body e-mail groups that may be of importance to students, including scholarship, employment, event, and class information.

To verify the email groups that your unique name is listed in, follow these steps:

Go to the MCommunity directory at <https://mcommunity.umich.edu/>.

Click on "Log in".

Log in with your unique name and password.

Type your unique name in the "Search" box and select your name from the search results.

Click on the "Groups" tab.

This will display a listing of all mail groups in the MCommunity directory that include your unique name as a member and that you will receive mail from.

Students should not share UMSN student email distribution lists with external parties who wish to contact students. Instead, students should refer to all external parties to umsn-frontdesk@med.umich.edu so that information can be distributed if appropriate. The student also should contact the Undergraduate Studies Program Office about problems with School of Nursing user groups.

Students ***are required*** to observe the following guidelines on the use of e-mail groups:

School of Nursing Managed Email Groups **May NOT** be Used to:

Promote activities/events that do not directly involve or benefit the students at the University of Michigan's School of Nursing or that promote consumption of alcohol or other potentially harmful activities. Promote outside business activities or charitable organizations supported by individual students. Advertise items/services (sporting tickets, apartments, etc.) for sale/wanted. Students are advised to utilize the appropriate venue for these items.

Tips for Successful Group Emails:

- Target your address list carefully. Too broad a distribution is a form of spamming and will simply annoy most people who receive it. For example, if your message is

for undergraduate students, do not use the sn-allstudents group which sends to nursing graduate students as well.

- Write a meaningful subject line.
- Keep the message focused and readable – the use of bullets and numbering helps!
- Avoid attachments – use links / URLs to websites when possible.
- Avoid using “Reply All” when responding to an email sent to a group.
- Identify yourself clearly.
- Proofread...then proofread again to ensure your message is clear/concise and that there are no spelling or grammar mistakes within the text.
- Do not use all capital letters (IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE SHOUTING).

For event-related emails, send just one reminder email 1-2 days before the event.

Use good judgment and common sense. It is up to each member to ensure that these groups are used respectfully and beneficially. Students are expected to display maturity, integrity, and mutual respect in all UMSN interactions. Inappropriate, disrespectful, aggressive, or threatening emails may be considered in violation of the Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct.

Email messages (over quotas', 'user unknown', etc.) for members of the School of Nursing managed groups are received by the school in the event of a problem with the student's email address. The School of Nursing will contact the student if there is a problem with his/her email and request the student to take the necessary steps to prevent email error messages. Correcting email address errors is the responsibility of the individual student and questions/requests for help regarding errors should be directed to Information Technology Central Services (ITCS) at the University of Michigan at online.consulting@umich.edu or by calling 734-764-4357 (4-HELP).

Appendix E: UMSN Undergraduate Student Drug Screening Policy and Procedure

The use of “alcohol and other substances potentially places patients, the public, and nurses themselves at risk for serious injury or death” (International Nurses Society on Addictions, 2017).

The University of Michigan School of Nursing is committed to the safety of patients, students, faculty, and staff. The UMSN is also dedicated to the promotion of health of its community members, including those with physical, psychiatric, and substance use concerns and establishes consistent policies and procedures that foster safety and health. The UMSN supports wellness, restoration, and rehabilitation of students to promote optimal personal and professional functioning. UMSN supports students in caring for themselves to safely care for others.

To promote patient safety and to facilitate early identification and intervention for students with substance use and related disorders, as well as compliance with mandates of affiliated clinical agencies, it is the policy of the UMSN to test for substance use among all of its students annually.

All students enrolled at UMSN must complete an annual drug screening test. **Drug screening is mandatory** and only accepted at a specific time in August, not stated in advance. Students will receive an email with specifics as the event approaches. **Diluted test results, including diluted negatives, will require follow-up drug screening at the student’s expense. This sample may be collected using an alternative collection method such as blood or hair.**

Students must provide a viable urine specimen to be tested for substances, consistent with industry standards in the healthcare field on dates specified by the UMSN.

Some clinical site guidelines may be more stringent than industry standards and require 12-panel drug screening tests. Refusal to provide a specimen for drug screening will be considered a positive drug test and subject to the established procedures for positive tests. In special circumstances, the UMSN may request the collection of an alternative specimen such as blood or hair. Screening must occur at a facility specified by the UMSN.

The screening will be at the expense of the student. The following may be screened for, including but not limited to, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, fentanyl, hydrocodone, marijuana, methadone, methaqualone, opiates, oxycodone, phencyclidine (PCP), propoxyphene and tramadol.

Drug tests are reviewed by the Medical Review Officer (MRO) retained by the compliance vendor. MROs may access the Michigan Automated Prescription (MAPS) or alternatives as

indicated, to corroborate the existence of a legitimate prescription for the students. For claims related to purported prescription medications, e.g., benzodiazepines, opioids, the students will sign any, and all Releases of Information (ROI) as requested by the MRO to allow for communication with the identified prescriber and to facilitate fact-finding by the MRO. The MRO will decide regarding the legitimacy of any prescriptions or evidence of illicit substance use. Students who do not provide ROI will be treated as if the screens are positive.

Clinical agencies must also approve placements for students with positive drug screens, or the placement will be canceled. If the MRO cleared the positive test, then that documentation along with the health provider's note documenting the prescription use must also be sent to the clinical agency for review and clearance for placement. If the placement is not approved, another placement option will be considered for that individual. Agencies that are members of the ACEMAPP placement system require that they be informed of positive drug screens.

To ensure confidentiality, one undergraduate and one graduate liaison within the UMSN will be identified as the contact people to receive positive drug screen reports and will convey that information to the appropriate program Associate Dean.

Any clinical or research-related activity will immediately be suspended pending the outcome of an inquiry. The drug screen results and details of these or related findings remain the sole responsibility and privilege of the UMSN and for the sake of confidentiality. The results are maintained within the compliance documentation system controlled by the vendor and are not placed in the student academic files. Results of the screen are not specifically reported but all external and internal communication would indicate that the student is "not in compliance" with requirements for clinical placement or research activity. However, as stated earlier, the positive results would be shared with the clinical or research agency per agency guidelines if the MRO clears the student for placements.

The student will be interviewed by the Associate Dean and any other UMSN officials relevant to the situation and may be referred for a substance use evaluation or to a facility and/or health provider/professional specializing in substance abuse treatment, as specified by UMSN.

The student will be responsible for any expenses related to the substance use evaluation and treatment.

The student must be evaluated for substance use by the health professional and must sign an ROI allowing the evaluator to report findings and recommendations for treatment related

to the substance use to the Associate Dean of the student's respective program at UMSN.

If the student refuses to obtain a substance use evaluation or sign an ROI allowing the UMSN access to recommendations from the evaluation, this will result in the inability to continue in the clinical or research areas in any affiliated agency until these are completed.

The Associate Dean or his/her designee will review the recommendations and decide regarding the student's ability to continue their clinical or research activities at that point in time. Consideration will be given to the nature of the substance use, impairment, treatment recommendations, and affiliated agency requirements.

Students for whom no treatment recommendations are made will be referred to an education program related to substance use such as those on alcohol or marijuana use. In the event that the results of the substance use evaluation indicate the need for treatment, the UMSN will require that the student sign an ROI from the health professional conducting the treatment. The UMSN will request recommendations from the health provider as well as a negative drug screen in order for the student to return to any clinical or research activity in an agency.

A return to any clinical placement or research activity in an affiliated agency will require a negative drug screen and satisfactory recommendations by the healthcare provider. The student must also meet Technical Standards as stated in the UMSN Undergraduate Student Handbook of Academic Policies and Procedures.

Students who have had a positive drug screen which was not cleared by the MRO and those with a positive drug screen and subsequent intervention must submit to random drug screening for one year at times designated by the UMSN. Another positive drug screen will initiate the steps of the drug policy procedure again. Subsequent positive tests and subsequent delays in completing program requirements may result in an inability to complete the program and can be considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Appendix F: Undergraduate Course Descriptions

Descriptions of selective and elective courses offered in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts may be found in the [LSA Course Guide](#).

Required Courses Offered in Other Schools and Colleges:

English 124/125 or other First Year Writing Requirement course

College Writing: Writing and Literature

Traditional Program Core; Level 1

4 Total Credits (4 Lecture)

Prerequisite: None

The goal of the First-Year Writing Requirement is to prepare students to write in diverse academic contexts. As a broad preparation for the range of writing tasks students will encounter at the University of Michigan and beyond, FYWR courses emphasize evidenced, academic writing in a variety of genres and rhetorical situations. This course is foundational for students to master the kind of analysis and argumentation found in sophisticated academic writing.

Psychology 111

Introduction to Psychology

Traditional Program Core; Level 1

4 Total Credits (4 Lecture)

Prerequisite: None

Designed to introduce students to the major topics studied by psychologists including sensation, perception, learning, motivation, physiological and cultural bases of behavior, development, personality, and social psychology.

Biological Chemistry 212

Fundamentals of Organic and Biological Chemistry

Traditional Program Core; Level 1

4 Total Credits (4 Lecture)

Prerequisite: None

A basic course in biochemistry that includes fundamental organic chemistry, biological information transfer processes, energy conservation metabolism, and special topics such as membrane transport and the biochemistry of vision. Intended for nurses and allied health professionals.

Psychology 250

Introduction to Developmental Psychology

Traditional Program Core; Level 1

4 Total Credits (4 Lecture)

Prerequisite: Psychology 111

This course provides an overview of the milestones of human development from conception to death. We examine the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth of children, adolescents, and adults, and the various factors (e.g., genetics, parenting, peer groups, schooling, and the media) that influence development. Our goal is to give you an initial introduction to the main issues, central theories, and dominant research methods in developmental psychology. We hope that students can integrate their knowledge of psychology and their observations of human development with the content of this course. We also will discuss the implications of course content for child-rearing, education, and social policy so that you can apply your knowledge to meaningful problems.

Nursing Courses:

Nursing 142

Nursing Seminar

Traditional Program Core: Level 1

2 Total Credits (2 Lecture)

Prerequisite: none

This course will inform students about their thinking and guide decision-making and practice by allowing the student to examine the framework of the ANA Standards of Professional Nursing and formulate a personal identity of the role. This role includes leadership and the importance of nursing in monitoring patient outcomes and safety. Students will be exposed to nurse researchers and their work to recognize and appreciate the value of knowledge generation, evidence translation, and advancing the nursing profession and improving patient care outcomes. Course content will include and emphasize a code of conduct and behaviors expected of students throughout the 4-year BSN program.

They will be introduced to technology that enables them to use accepted online resources and those required for academics. Students will be expected to engage in activities that promote their wellness and explore the importance of self-care.

Nursing 192

Selected Concepts of Human Physiology

Traditional Program Core: Level 1 (Sophomore Transfer Only)

1 Total Credits (1 Lecture)

Prerequisite: Advisory Pre-Requisite: Biochemistry, Human Anatomy, and Physiology with Lab or Permission of Instructor

The purpose of this course is to review selected concepts in human physiology that are essential to understanding functional changes that occur during the development of diseases. Emphasis will be placed on reviewing the normal physiology of selected organ systems, specifically the musculoskeletal system, nervous system, endocrine system, cardiovascular system, respiratory system, and urinary system. This course is designed for students who have already completed coursework in biochemistry and anatomy and physiology.

Nursing 194

Intrapersonal Contexts of Population Health

Traditional Program Core: Level 1

2 Total Credits (2 Lecture)

Prerequisite: None

This foundational course introduces the socioecological model, emphasizing the intrapersonal level context. Through the incorporation of intrapersonal behavioral change theories, students will explore how core population health concepts influence person-centered care. Students will apply these concepts to design intrapersonal-level intervention plans to support health for all.

Nursing 196

Communication, Groups, and Teams

Traditional Program Core: Level I

2 Total Credits (2 Lecture)

Prerequisites: none

This course introduces students to communication skills that build and maintain connections to foster therapeutic versus social relationships and promote interpersonal effectiveness. It also explores the elements of group functioning, intra and interprofessional collaboration and teamwork, and their importance in the delivery of safe and effective nursing care. Students will discuss how communication is important within and across the various contexts of care. The role of personal values, beliefs, and biases will be examined. The influence of culture and the media in using and interpreting communication will be considered. They will explore how communication can be used for patient advocacy. Students will be expected to demonstrate appropriate use of written and verbal communication.

Nursing 210

Structure and Function of the Human Body

Traditional Program Core: Level 1

5 Total Credits (5 Lecture)

Prerequisites: none

The purpose of this course is to relate structure and function at the organ system level and demonstrate the contribution of each system to the maintenance of homeostasis of the entire body. Physical and chemical principles are used explaining structure and function. Organ systems are explored from the cellular level upward. Hands-on laboratory experiences using a plastinated cadaver and plastinated body parts, human skeletons, plastic models, computer programs and other available technology are incorporated into this course.

Nursing 211
Anatomy and Physiology Lab

Traditional Program Core: Level I

1 Total Credits (1 Lab)

Prerequisites: NURS 210

This course consists of hands-on laboratory experience using plastinated body parts, human skeletons, plastic models, computer programs, anatomage table, and other available technology. Students are expected to apply knowledge of anatomy to observations and identification of normal versus abnormal anatomy and physiology.

Nursing 218
Applied Statistics

Traditional Program Core: Level I

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: none

This is an applied statistics course that examines approaches to the analysis and interpretation of health data. Major topics covered in the course include descriptive statistics, probability theory, statistical inference, hypothesis testing, correlation, regression, and survival analysis. The relevance of key concepts and analytic techniques to patient care, evaluation of nursing interventions, and assessment of clinical outcomes will be emphasized throughout the course. Students will learn how to analyze health data using statistical software. Students will also consider ethical issues involved in collecting and using data.

Nursing 220
Perspectives in Women's Health

Undergraduate Nursing Elective

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: None

This elective course examines women's health issues across the life span from a feminist and sociopolitical perspective. Attention will be paid to the historical, economic, and political factors that influence the well-being of women. Students will gain a greater knowledge of women's bodies and the health/illness issues most relevant to women. A major emphasis will be to educate and empower students to become pro-active within the health care system.

Nursing 232

Health Assessment Lecture

Traditional Program Core; Level 2

2 Total Credits (2 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 Courses; (BIOLCHEM 212 and NURS 194 and 196 and 210 and 211 [all undergraduate nursing students] and NURS 192 [only required for sophomore transfer nursing students]) and (Preceded or accompanied by NURS 233 [all undergraduate nursing students])

This course is designed to provide the student with the beginning knowledge and skills needed to assess the health status of individuals across the lifespan. Emphasis is on the assessment of physical, developmental, psychosocial (cognitive, affective, and behavioral), cultural, social, and spiritual dimensions of the client. Attention will be placed on distinguishing normal from abnormal findings and evaluating the functional abilities of the client. Students will be exposed to the concepts of physiological systems, cognition, and functional status.

Nursing 233

Health Assessment Lab

Traditional Program Core: Level 2

2 Total Credits (2 Lab)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 Courses; (BIOLCHEM 212 and NURS 194 and NURS 196 and NURS 210 and NURS 211 [all undergraduate nursing students] and NURS 192 [only required for sophomore transfer nursing students]) and preceded or accompanied by NURS 232 [all undergraduate nursing students])

Engaged learning and diverse simulated clinical experiences will be used to create opportunities to integrate the knowledge and skills necessary for history taking, physical and psychosocial examination. Students will practice assessing physiological systems, using therapeutic communication to examine cognition, affect, social and cultural determinants of health, lifespan, development, and functional status. Communication is stressed as critical to effective assessment. Students will work towards integrating knowledge about assessment into practice using a variety of innovative strategies.

Nursing 234

Introduction to Clinical Practice

Traditional Program Core; Level 2

2 Total Credits (2 Lab)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 Courses; (BIOLCHEM 212 and NURS 194 and NURS 196 and NURS 210 and NURS 211 [all undergraduate nursing students] and NURS 192 [only required for sophomore transfer nursing students])

Engaged learning and diverse simulated clinical experiences will be used to create opportunities to learn basic care concepts and implement care evidence into lab demonstration. Students will practice demonstrating psychomotor, interpersonal communication, and professional behavior to prepare to care for patients. Students will be expected to demonstrate skills learned in the course while incorporating skills from Health Assessment. Students will also integrate an awareness of social and cultural determinants of health, lifespan development, and functional status. Communication is stressed as critical to effective nursing skill performance.

Nursing 236

Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

Traditional Program Core; Level 2

2 Total Credits (2 Lab)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 Courses; (BIOLCHEM 212 and NURS 194 and NURS 196 and NURS 210 and NURS 211 [all undergraduate nursing students] and NURS 192 [only required for sophomore transfer nursing students])

This course will primarily focus on the concepts of general microbiology that are essential to maintaining environments free of contamination, and for protecting both patients and providers from common infectious diseases. Morbidity and mortality associated with infectious diseases assume great significance in both developed and developing regions of the world. Furthermore, health care- associated infections represent a serious, yet often preventable, threat to patient safety. Students will learn about the major bacterial, fungal, viral and parasitic infections that affect humans, both locally and globally. Basic epidemiological principles and procedures useful in the surveillance and investigation of health-related states or events pertaining to infectious diseases, including immunizations will also be introduced. The relationships among disease, communities, societies, and culture, including global, will be discussed.

Nursing 238

Interpersonal Contexts of Population Health

Traditional Program Core; Level 2

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 Courses: NURS 232, NURS 233, NURS 234, NURS 236, and NURS 245

This course offers students an in-depth exploration of the interpersonal contexts that influence population health with the foundation in the socioecological model. Through exploration of cultural influences, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of interpersonal relationships in the contexts of the home, school, workplace, community, and populations, as each relates to achieving optimal health outcomes. Students will design an interpersonal-level intervention plan for a chosen health problem in an identified target population.

Nursing 240 **Pharmacology**

Traditional Program Core; Level 2

4 Total Credits (4 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 Courses: NURS 232, NURS 233, NURS 234, NURS 236, NURS 245

The purpose of this course is to examine pharmacological concepts relevant to the scope of practice for an entry-level professional generalist nurse. General principles of pharmacotherapeutics, including pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics are the conceptual framework of this course, built on the biological and physiological sciences. Emphasis is on knowing the different prototypes or classifications of pharmacologic agents used to prevent and treat common diseases and injuries across the lifespan and health care settings. Current and investigational drugs, alternative medicine, genetics, genomics and economic implications are explored. Concepts related to clinical reasoning and judgment, patient safety and quality use of technology, effective and therapeutic communication techniques, patient and family caregiver education, diversity, ethical and legal issues, professional nursing responsibility and accountability are threaded throughout the course. Students' enactment of professional nursing values related to pharmacology is a fundamental component of the outcome of this course.

Nursing 244 **Evaluating Data Sources for Evidence for Nursing Practice**

Traditional Program Core; Level 2

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 Courses; NURS 232, NURS 233, NURS 234, NURS 236, NURS 245

This course introduces students to the scholarly process of research, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement. Students will use this knowledge to build upon their understanding of statistics and use of data to examine and evaluate evidence for practice and processes for improving quality of care. They will have the opportunity to find, evaluate, and interpret resources for evidence-based practice and quality improvement. Ethical issues in research, scholarship, and quality improvement will be discussed.

Nursing 245

Pathophysiology

Traditional Program Core; Level 2

6 Total Credits (6 Lecture)

Prerequisites: (BIOCHEM 212, NURS 194, NURS 196, NURS 210, and NURS 211; all undergraduate nursing students) & (NURS 192; only required for Sophomore transfer students)

This course presents mechanisms and theories related to the development of diseases and conditions of the human body throughout the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on common diseases and conditions related to functional health patterns. Cellular and system wide alterations in body structure and function are discussed. Students will examine relationships among heredity (genetics), age, physical mobility, lifestyle, cultural background and pathophysiology. Principles of immunology have been integrated into this course.

Nursing 262

Therapeutic Nursing Care I

Traditional Program Core: Level 2

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 Courses; NURS 232, NURS 233, NURS 234, NURS 236, NURS 245

This course is the first in a series of three Therapeutic Nursing Care courses. Therapeutic Nursing I serves as an introduction to clinical nursing practice including critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and clinical decision -making. The importance of clinical judgment will be stressed. Content includes concepts involving pain, mobility, infection, thermoregulation, tissue integrity, and elimination. Concepts related to the ecological model of nursing care. Therapeutic Nursing Care I clinical is concurrent to this lecture and provides experiences to complete the concepts presented throughout the course.

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Therapeutic Nursing Care I

Traditional Program Core; Level 2

4 Total Credits (4 Clinical)

Prerequisite: All Level 1 Courses; NURS 232, NURS 233, NURS 234, NURS 236, NURS 245

This is the first of three sequential clinical courses to apply knowledge gained in previous science and nursing courses to the care of individuals and families. Emphasis will be on clinical reasoning, decision making, critical thinking, and clinical judgment;

communication; and use of evidenced based information within the clinical care setting. Students will learn to apply strategies within the clinical setting necessary to manage illness responses, evaluate client outcomes of care, and promote health. Concepts including pain, mobility, infection, thermoregulation, tissue integrity, and elimination will be emphasized. Concepts related to person, significant others, community, society, and culture are integrated within the course to direct the student to provide safe, optimal care.

Nursing 295 **Honors Seminar**

Honors Required

1 Total Credits 1 Seminar)

Prerequisites: Honors Program Admission, All Level 1 Courses

The undergraduate nursing honors seminar is an opportunity for honors students to benefit from scholarly enrichment and to gain an understanding of research practices. This seminar places an emphasis on providing students with essential research knowledge to prepare for junior and senior year honors courses (N395 and N495). Students will learn knowledge, skills and values to articulate fundamentals of research with special attention devoted to cultural considerations and social determinants in research methodology, legal and ethical issues, and policy implications of research.

Nursing 370 **Care of the Family: Reproductive Health**

Traditional Program Core; Level 3

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses

In this course, students will be challenged to think critically about aspects of female and male reproductive health using a continuum of care approach from health promotion to health restoration. The effect that culture, society, policy, environment, technology, economic and ethical factors have on childbearing and reproductive health will be analyzed. The factors influencing the expression of human sexuality in the context of gender and age will be explored. Students will examine the physiological and psychosocial basis of reproductive health, pregnancy, birth, postpartum period. The importance of communication, reflection of personal beliefs and values will be discussed. Students will evaluate current research and evidence that informs nursing care related to reproductive health.

Professional Nursing Education 301-316 **Care of the Family: Reproductive Health**

Traditional Program Core; Level 3

3 Total Credits (3 Clinical)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses

The primary focus of this clinical is to provide care to women and their families within the context of the developing family. Students will care for women in the prenatal, birthing, and postpartum periods. They will care for newborns and provide safe assessments and interventions. The relationships between pregnancy, birth, families, community, and culture will be explored within the clinical context. Students will examine issues such as prenatal loss, addiction and trauma. They will provide patient and family education to maximize the health of the woman, newborn and family.

Nursing 371

Care of the Family: Infants, Children & Adolescents

Traditional Program Core; Level 3

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses

This course focuses on infants, children and adolescent health and illness within the context of their families, communities, and culture. Students will be expected to apply scientific principles and growth and development to develop and evaluate nursing care of children and families using evidence. Students will examine the impact of the health care system, policy, and economics, as well as legal and ethical issues that affect caring for children and their families.

Professional Nursing Education 325-337

Care of the Family: Infants, Children & Adolescents

Traditional Program Core; Level 3

3 Total Credits (3 Clinical)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses

This clinical course focuses on providing nursing care across the developmental stages, infants through adolescents, based on evidence and basic scientific and psychosocial principles. Students will integrate clinical care, evidence-based practice, advocacy, family integrity, and patient/family education within the context of family, community, and culture. Students will apply principles of growth and development, health promotion, and health care needs of children and their families for both wellness and illness in a variety of settings.

Nursing 372

Therapeutic Nursing Care II

Traditional Program Core; Level 3

4 Total Credits (4 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses

This course builds upon previous knowledge to enable the student to integrate and apply scientific care concepts to patients/families who are experiencing acute and chronic health challenges. Emphasis will be placed on the role of the nurse to guide transitions, collaborate and implement care across the context of the patient/family experience, including inpatient, outpatient, and community settings. Major content focuses include themes of physiologic regulation; oxygenation and hemostasis; protection; bodily and cognitive function in response to environmental changes. Concepts related to person, significant other, community, society and culture are integrated throughout the course. Students will examine patient transitions across care environments. Therapeutic Nursing Care II provides experience to complement the content in this course.

Professional Nursing Education 350-366

Therapeutic Nursing Care II & Community Health

Traditional Program Core; Level 3

5 Total Credits (5 Clinical)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses

This clinical course (4cr.) builds upon previous knowledge applying scientific care concepts to patients/families that experience acute and chronic health challenges. Emphasis is on progression to competence using clinical reasoning; decision-making; and judgment to individualize care; modify interventions; and evaluate patient/family health needs. The student will demonstrate knowledge and application of the themes of physiologic regulation; oxygenation and hemostasis; protection; bodily and cognitive function in response to environmental changes in the care of patients/families during acute and chronic illness. Students will demonstrate professional and ethical standards of care using cultural considerations. They will comply with legal standards, in the clinical setting across the patient/family care continuum.

The community health credit (1cr.) within this clinical experience provides students with an overview of the community level context, emphasizing the role of nurses within an interprofessional team in fostering person-centered, community-oriented care. Students will use key concepts from community health to interview patients on the medical-surgical unit about their social determinants of health to develop a discharge plan.

Nursing 373

Behavioral Health

Traditional Program Core; Level 3

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses

This theory course focuses on the influence of biology and the environment on people's emotions, behavior, and cognition. The emphasis is on promotion of mental health and intervention with people who are experiencing behavioral, emotional, or cognitive difficulties. It incorporates psychological, emotional, biological, social and spiritual

elements, including discussion of genetics and social determinants that impact mental health and mental illness. Students will examine how behavioral health issues are related to other conditions such as medical illnesses. Topics such as addiction, stigma, and suicide are addressed. Importance in learning skills to create meaningful relationships through communications, skills that promote healthy functioning. Students will explore how families, communities, societies, and culture impact mental health and interventions.

Professional Nursing Education 375-387

Behavioral Health

Traditional Program Core; Level 3

3 Total Credits (3 Clinical)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses

This clinical nursing course focuses on the care of individuals with emotional, behavioral, and cognitive difficulties that affect functioning. Students will provide care for individuals in acute, outpatient, and community settings. Emphasis will be on building therapeutic communication skills that allow for safe, holistic, and evidence-based care for those with mental illness or in need of interventions that assist people in their daily functioning and promote mental health, considering the influence of developmental stage, families, communities, and culture.

Nursing 390

Honors Seminar

Honors Required

1 Total Credits (1 Seminar)

Prerequisites: Honors Program admission, All Level 2 Courses

Nursing 395

Honors Directed Research

Honors Program Required

2 Total Credits (2 Seminar)

Prerequisites: All Level 2 Courses, Nursing 295 and NURS 390

The undergraduate nursing honors directed research course is an opportunity for honors students to benefit from close mentorship by a faculty member actively engaged in research. This seminar will focus on facilitating student understanding of various aspects of research strategies and methodologies to prepare students for their scholarly projects. Students will gain knowledge and skills in study design, developing research aims and objectives, and identifying appropriate research methods that will be applied to their faculty-mentored scholarly project.

Nursing 480

Population Health and Public Health Nursing

Traditional Program Core; Level 4
3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)
Prerequisite: All Level 3 Courses

This course examines the concept of populations as clients within the framework of public health nursing. The course highlights the public health nurse's role in advocating for vulnerable populations and addressing socio-economic, environmental, and global health factors that influence health outcomes for all. Considering the population-level context within the socioecological model, students will critically analyze population-level theories, interventions, and policies that shape health across various settings. Students will explore evidence-based methods for assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating population-focused health interventions aimed at promoting health for all.

Professional Nursing Education 401-412
Population Health and Public Health Nursing Clinical

Traditional Program Core; Level 4
3 Total Credits (3 Clinical)
Prerequisites: All Level 3 Courses

During this clinical course, students will apply concepts of population health and public health nursing in a community setting. Students will utilize the nursing process in the development, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based strategies to improve health in a community clinical context, incorporating economic, social, ethical, and political factors.

Nursing 481
Leadership for Professional Practice

Traditional Program Core; Level 4
2 credits (2 Lecture)
Prerequisites: All Level 3 Courses

This course focuses on leadership and management concepts relevant to clinical settings and other health care contexts. The course will build on previously learned concepts of teamwork, quality, delegation, motivation, negotiation, problem solving, and safety and apply these concepts to organization and system contexts. Students will examine interprofessional practice and teamwork in care delivery systems and study management structures and processes that enable an organization or unit to deliver efficient and effective nursing care. Moreover, course content focuses on use of data for quality improvement and practice change with specific attention to emerging science, innovative technologies, political and cultural environments, ethical implications, and financial considerations. Students will examine the Quality and Safety Education in Nursing (QSEN) competencies and their importance in care delivery and outcomes.

Professional Nursing Education 426-442

Leadership for Professional Practice

Traditional Program Core; Level 4

2 credits (2 Clinical)

Prerequisites: All Level 3 Courses

The clinical course focuses on the application of leadership and management concepts for the inpatient, acute care, and community settings. The clinical portion of the course provides for the development of the student's skills and practical application of concepts such as team, quality, delegation, innovation, negotiation, problem solving, safety, and quality within the organizations. The course also offers an applied view of the organization's management structure and processes that enable the delivery of efficient and effective nursing care. The use of data, quality improvement, and service delivery models are examined with consideration of the scientific, technological, financial, political, and cultural context of the clinical setting. Compliance and ethics related to leadership for professional practice will also be explored. Students will have the opportunity to work with interprofessional teams.

Nursing 482

Therapeutic Nursing Care III

Traditional Program Core; Level 4

3 credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 3 Courses

This course is an advanced nursing course with a focus on evaluating the complex needs of patients and families within the total context of care. Emphasis is on demonstrating synthesis of prior knowledge, and proficient use of evidenced based practice. Particular attention will be placed on student's ability to anticipate patient needs to refine clinical judgment, clinical reasoning, and clinical decision-making. Content includes advanced concepts such as homeostasis and regulation, oxygenation, cognitive function and transitions of care. Concepts related to person, family, significant other(s), community, society, and culture are integrated within the course. Professional standards of care, professional ethics, socioeconomics, and compliance with legal standards are integrated within the context of care.

Professional Nursing Education 451-471

Therapeutic Nursing Care III

Traditional Program Core; Level 4

8 credits (8 Clinical)

Prerequisites: All Level 3 Courses

This clinical course builds upon previous and developing knowledge to apply scientific, population, system, and interdisciplinary role concepts to the safe care of patients/families who experience complex health challenges. Emphasis is on demonstrating

interprofessional communication, collaboration, and evaluation of outcomes within a changing health care environment. The student will demonstrate application of knowledge and skills in many advanced concepts, as well as progress towards proficiency in the application of critical thinking, decision making, clinical reasoning, and anticipation of patient/family needs across the continuum of care.

Nursing 494

Systems Approaches in Population Health

Traditional Program Core; Level 4

3 Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 3 Courses

This course emphasizes the principles, processes, and applications of systems thinking within the context of nursing, healthcare, and population health. This course provides an in-depth examination of complex, dynamic healthcare systems and equips students with the analytical tools necessary to address intricate population health problems. Through exploration of health and healthcare, students will learn to apply systems thinking to improve healthcare delivery, health policy, and patient outcomes. Students will design multilevel intervention for a relevant public health problem in an affected target population.

Nursing 495

Undergraduate Nursing Honors Project

Honors Program Required

1-4 Total Credits (Independent Study)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 and 2 Courses and Honors Program Admission

Nursing 495: Honors Project Approval Form

The undergraduate nursing honors directed research course is an opportunity for honors students to develop and present a faculty-mentored scholarly project. This seminar will focus on dissemination communication of scholarly research. Students will explore strategies for presenting research findings, Identify structure and format for data presentation, and development skills in effective research communication. Skills developed in this course will be applied to completion and presentation of the faculty-mentored scholarly project.

Nursing 496

Role Transition

Traditional Program Core: Level 4

2 Credits (2 Lecture)

Prerequisites: All Level 3 Courses

In this course, students will synthesize role and professional concepts presented throughout the curriculum. Concepts will include crucial conversations, standards of practice, law, ethics, networking, mentoring, policy, and advocacy for self and

patients/families. These will be applied to ideas related to their upcoming transition into practice. Students will generate strategies for successful practice as a novice professional nurse. During the course, the students will integrate professional practice standards into their beginning practice. They will reflect on personal beliefs and responses to entering professional practice and examine how organizational culture effects transition into practice. The course also includes the importance of personal accountability and self-care. Furthermore, leadership and innovation in transforming professional nursing will be explored with consideration of continued personal career progression.

Nursing 499

Independent Study in Nursing

Independent Study

1-3 Total Credits

Prerequisites: Junior Level Standing

Nursing 499: Independent Student Approval Form

Under the guidance and with the approval of a selected faculty member, the student develops behavioral objectives appropriate to the topic being studied and a plan of action to achieve objectives. The number of credit hours for which a student registers is determined by the nature of the projected outcome, i.e., project, paper, etc. The independent study may be experiential, directed reading, study or research.

Health Sciences 301

Exploring Palliative Care

Undergraduate Nursing Elective

3 Total Hours (3 Lecture, Web-Blended)

Prerequisites: All Level 1 and 2 Courses

This course is designed to provide graduate and undergraduate nursing students with an in-depth understanding of palliative care focusing on delivery of patient/family centered care in a variety of healthcare practice environments. Using the ELNEC (End of Life Nursing Education Consortium) undergraduate nursing student curriculum or APRN curriculum, students will gain knowledge about the comprehensive delivery of quality palliative care during curative concurrent therapies through transitions to comfort-focused care. Ethical aspects, values and self-awareness will be explored as it influences delivery of care. Students will gain enhanced appreciation for a multidisciplinary team approach to care of the seriously ill patient. Students will develop interpersonal communication skills that are valuable when caring for patients with serious illness and working with families and interdisciplinary providers. This course will teach components of holistic care used along the palliative care continuum addressing spiritual, social, physical and psychological needs. The student will obtain a palliative care nursing education certificate of completion that can be placed in their portfolio.

Health Sciences 404

Gender-Based Violence: From Theory to Action

Undergraduate Nursing Elective

2-3 Total Credits (2-3 Seminar)

Prerequisite: None

In this course, we will examine gender-based violence and the skills necessary to provide advocacy services to survivors. This course will introduce students to the roots of gender-based violence, the social and cultural context in which it occurs, the mental and physical health impacts, justice and restitution frameworks, and will explore approaches to changing those structures to reduce or end it. Students will develop the skills to think critically about the local and global impact of gender-based violence, how it intersects with other forms of oppression, and to develop an understanding of these issues that will be useful intellectually, personally, and professionally. Students will be required to participate in experiential learning hours outside of class. Registering for 2 credits will require 10 hours of attendance at camp events related to gender-based violence. Registering for 3 credits will require 30 hours of training that provides in-depth information on issues related to sexual and intimate partner violence.

Nursing 420

Introduction to Global Health: Issues and Challenges

Undergraduate Nursing Elective

2-3 Total Credits (2-3 Seminar)

Prerequisite: None

This course introduces the student to global health concepts and the network of organizations working to advance healthcare internationally. The emphasis for this course is on the global burden of disease and determinants of health. It will provide the student with a broad introduction to programs, systems, and policies affecting global health. Students will explore facets of the global healthcare delivery system, health care economics, and the political process and its impact on the health of individuals and populations.

Nursing 421

Perspectives in Global Health

Undergraduate Nursing Elective

2-4 Total Credits (2 Lecture or 2 Lecture and 2 Lab)

Prerequisite: None

This is an interdisciplinary clinically focused elective. It will explore the issues that directly or indirectly affect health in low and middle resource countries from an interdisciplinary

approach. This year we will focus on South America and India, and students will have the opportunity to travel to either Ecuador or India as part of Global Course Connections for an introduction to the health care delivery system of those countries, focused on global and public health concepts and on health promotion and risk reduction. Students who are not traveling are encouraged to use course assignments to explore how the issues being discussed impact health in another country of particular interest to them. The purpose of the course is to broaden the students' worldview and global perspective on health care issues. The Emphasis for this course is on health equity among nations and for all people.

Nursing 477

Cultural Aspects of Health and Illness

Undergraduate Nursing Elective

3 Total Credits (3 Lecture)

Prerequisites: None

This course focuses on the health attitudes, beliefs, and practices of patients and healthcare professionals of culturally diverse populations in the United States. Socioeconomic-political factors that influence healthcare delivery and health-seeking behavior will be explicated. Emphasis will be placed on strategies to facilitate inter/intracultural communication and inter/intragroup dynamics in healthcare settings

Appendix G: Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship

School/College/Center/Institute: School of Nursing

The School of Nursing uses a variety of strategies for training all students, postdoctoral fellows, and research or training grant staff to teach and discuss various aspects of the responsible conduct of research. We see this as an integral part of education and training from undergraduate through postdoctoral training. We build principles of ethical practice that are embedded in all aspects of nursing and our students and faculty, as either pre-licensure or licensed nurses, have ample opportunity to discuss professional norms and ethical principles in that regard. In addition, selected groups of students who are supported on NIH or other grant funds have additional requirements. The school does not have NSF trainees.

This plan outlines a variety of structured and unstructured approaches to addressing the continuum of responsible conduct of research and scholarship. All faculty members are aware of the curricular resources available in the University of Michigan's [Responsible Conduct of Research](#) section.

Undergraduate Programs

- All baccalaureate students complete the required nursing research course, dependent on the track they are in. Traditional students complete N244, Evaluating Data Sources and Evidence for Nursing Practice (3 credits). This course examines the research process and various requirements that must be met when conducting research with human subjects (documented through course syllabi, registration rosters, and transcripts).
- Honors students complete seminars at various levels in the curriculum as well as a supervised honors research project. All honors students complete PEERRS training (Program for Education and Evaluation in Responsible Research and Scholarship) and their certificates of completion are maintained in their student files. All honors students are mentored by established researchers and attend research team meetings; they carry out an Honors research project under the supervision of their mentor. Mentoring includes an appropriate citation of sources, authorship and publication practice, management and ownership of data, and protection of human research participants. The appropriate IRB review is obtained for all projects. All information is documented through course syllabi, attendance, registration rosters, and transcripts).

Appendix H: UMSN Guidance on Student Academic and Professional Misconduct and Resolution Officer (RO) Resources

as of 06/26/2027

Our Community Values

UMSN culture is an empathy and values-driven environment for student learning and growth. The values we share include - accountability, diversity, excellence, initiative, integrity, and respect. To this we add the EPIC values which guide our daily behaviors and interactions. When a challenge or concern arises, the UMSN has resources to support students as well as faculty and staff. This document provides a brief overview of resources for concerns related to the UMSN Academic and Professional Code of Conduct.

Academic and Professional Code of Conduct

UMSN has a Code of Academic and Professional Conduct that all students are expected to uphold. The code can be found in these linked program specific student handbooks. Please see each Table of Contents for your convenience. Examples of academic and professional misconduct described in the code include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, falsification of data, and violating patient privacy. An alleged violation of the code must be shared with a Resolution Officer (RO) by any student, faculty or staff within 10 days of the relevant incident.

Resolution Officers

UMSN has two RO's within the Office of Community Culture. Dr. Kelly Shakoor (ksusewit@umich.edu/763-5360) supports undergraduates and Dr. Katie Nelson (kathrynn@umich.edu/763-4202) professional graduate (MSN/DNP) and PhD students. Questions and concerns related to the code can be sent to RO's by email or phone. During the initial intake discussion, and using a framework for restorative justice, a variety of resources and pathways can be explored by students, faculty and staff depending on the specific situation. However, please see below visual description of the formal resolution

pathway:



RO's also support the UMSN student grievance process. This process provides an objective internal review of faculty and staff actions or UMSN committee decisions. The review is conducted by a panel of faculty and a student. For matters that may involve an RO, the appropriate administrator will convene the panel with the opportunity for input from the student initiating grievance under this policy.

Additional Resources

Further details about our community values, expected behaviors and responsibilities, Academic and Professional Code of Conduct, student grievance process and related student resources can be found in each of these linked program specific student handbooks. Those with concerns related to PhD students, can additionally access Rackham's Academic Dispute and Resolution Policy linked here.

For students, faculty, and staff seeking support and guidance for resolving their own concern where possible, please see the EPIC Feedback Model and Communication Guidelines.

Non-Academic Concerns

Most matters involving non-academic concerns related to the University of Michigan-wide Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities can be discussed directly with the University Office of Student Conflict Resolution. The Office website provides information that further defines these concerns, options for reporting, and depending on the situation, access to facilitated resolution services. If you are a student, faculty or staff member with a concern and you are still not sure which pathway is best, check with your RO to see which procedures you should follow as soon as possible as there may be a time limitation on the process. Please see these additional linked resources for Guidance on Sexual and Gender-based Misconduct Mistreatment as needed.

In cases of emergency and/or when appropriate, any violation may also be reported 24/7 to the University of Michigan Compliance Hotline and/or law enforcement:

- UM Compliance Hotline 866-990-0111
- Follow hyperlink to: [UM Compliance Online Reporting Form](#)
- U-M Public Safety & Security (DPSS) 734-763-1131 (non-emergency) 911 (emergency)
- Ann Arbor Police Department 734-994-2911

Appendix I: UMSN Guidance for Reporting Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct in the Learning Environment

as of 6.25.2025

The University of Michigan School of Nursing (UMSN) is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and non-discriminatory community for learning and working that is free from Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct and that enables all to participate fully in the scholarly, research, educational, patient care, and service missions of the School and University. It is the responsibility of every member of the UMSN and University Community to foster an environment free of prohibited conduct and all members are encouraged to take reasonable and prudent actions to prevent or stop such behavior.

The University of Michigan Policy on Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct prohibits the following types of conduct:

- Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct (i.e., Sexual Assault; Sexual Exploitation; Sexual Harassment; Gender-Based Harassment; Sex and/or Gender-Based Stalking; Intimate Partner Violence; Sex and Gender-Based Discrimination; Retaliation and Violation of supportive measures)
- Title IX Misconduct (i.e., Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment; Severe, Pervasive and Objectively Offensive Sexual Harassment; Sexual Assault; Intimate Partner Violence and Sex and Gender-based Stalking; as defined by and within the scope of Title IX).
- All members of the UMSN and University community are encouraged to share details they receive about possible Sexual and Gender Misconduct with the Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX Office (ECRT), whether or not they have an obligation to share such information under the University Sexual and Gender Misconduct Policy. Examples of Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Pressure for a dating, romantic, or intimate relationship
 - Unwanted touching or sexual advances
 - Pressure to engage in sexual activity
 - Inappropriate references to sexualized parts of the body
 - Harassing conduct about a person's gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation
 - Sexually suggestive comments, jokes, or innuendos
 - Obscene gestures reasonably understood to be sexual in nature
 - Stalking or cyberbullying in the context of a current, former, or potential intimate relationship
 - Email, texting, "sexting," and internet use that violates this policy

- Intimate partner (including dating and domestic) violence
- Sexual assault (nonconsensual touching involving breasts, buttocks, and/or genitals)

Reporting to the University

You are strongly encouraged to report prohibited conduct to the University. You may also report to law enforcement or to both. Reports filed with U-M and/or Ann Arbor police are criminal complaints and not University complaints. Information shared with confidential resources is also not a university complaint. To make a complaint to the University, contact ECRT using the information below.

All UM and UMSN employees who learn about misconduct shared by a student should connect students with the support services and resources below. Individuals with Reporting Obligations (IRO) are also required to report any details they receive about prohibited conduct directly with ECRT. All employees are highly encouraged to share their reporting obligations with students up front, so students can make an informed choice about what is shared. For more information about who is an IRO and mandatory reporting please see the University Sexual and Gender Misconduct Policy.

- Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX Office (ECRT) can be contacted by telephone or in person by appointment during regular office hours (Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), or by email 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Online reporting is also available on a 24/7 basis. Contact information is as follows:

Equity, Civil Rights and Title IX Office (ECRT)

2072 Administrative Services Building

1009 Greene Street

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109

(734) 763-0235 (telephone)

(734) 647-1388 (TTY)

ecrtoffice@umich.edu

Follow hyperlink to: [Online Discrimination, Discriminatory Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Reporting Form](#)

- U-M Public Safety & Security (DPSS) 734-763-1131 (non-emergency) 911 (emergency)
- Ann Arbor Police Department 734-994-2911

Anonymous Reporting

You may, if you prefer, make reports of prohibited conduct to ECRT without disclosing your name, by using the online reporting form listed in the above, or on a 24/7 basis, by

accessing the UM Compliance Hotline and/or online reporting form below. Depending on the level of information available about the incident and the individuals involved, the University's ability to respond to an anonymous report may be limited. The University will, however, take whatever steps it deems appropriate and in the best interests of the overall University community, consistent with the information available.

- UM Compliance Hotline 866-990-0111

Follow hyperlink to: [UM Compliance Online Reporting Form](#)

Confidential Resources

Supportive resources are available at the University to provide assistance, support and information. We encourage you to access these resources whether or not you choose to report.

- The Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness Center (SAPAC) provides direct support including crisis intervention; advocacy; assistance in navigating academic, personal, medical, and community impact; and referrals to campus and community resources. sapac@umich.edu, 4130 Michigan Union (business hours), 530 South State Street 734-936-3333 (24 hours)
- CAPS Counseling & Psychological Services for Students, caps.umich.edu, 4079 Michigan Union (business hours), 530 South State Street, 734-764-8312 (24 hours)
- Office of the Ombuds, ombuds.umich.edu, 6015 Fleming Admin Bldg., 503 Thompson Street, 734-763-3545 (business hours)
- Sexual Assault Services at University Health Service, 734-764-8320
- Additional information about these and other resources can be found in the UM Ann Arbor Our Community Matters Resource Guide.

Appendix J: UMSN Guidance for Reporting Mistreatment in the Learning Environment

6/25/2025

The faculty, staff, students, and leadership within the UMSN, as well as our clinical learning and community partners, collectively strive to foster an equitable and inclusive environment that builds on our strengths, including our visible and invisible identities, experiences, interests, and perspectives. This commitment is further reflected within:

- UMSN Core Value
- Non-Discrimination Policy
- Student Code of Academic and Professional Conduct
- Disability Statement
- Campus Commitment to Anti-Racism
- Protection from Retaliation Policy

We understand that students may encounter challenges to our values, including our commitment to antiracism and discrimination and we must address those challenges to restore the environment for learning. The purpose of this resource is to describe the pathways for students experiencing various forms of mistreatment and/or unprofessionalism.

Students are encouraged to use this guidance to address alleged discriminatory, disrespectful, unprofessional, unethical, biased, racist, or otherwise mistreatment they encounter or observe others encountering in curricular, clinical, online and/or co-curricular contexts of learning. This includes behavior that stereotypes, excludes, harasses, or otherwise harms on the bases of visible and invisible social identities including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sex, ability, sexual identity, immigration status, linguistic identity, age, weight, political identity, religion.

It is highly recommended that any student who experiences maltreatment make an appointment with UM Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). All CAPS professionals have extensive cultural training. Taking the time to reach out to CAPS is an act of self-care that is incredibly important. There are many ways to connect with CAPS.

- Call CAPS during regular business hours at 734-764-8312
- Schedule an initial consultation online 24/7 by visiting the website at caps.umich.edu.
- Reach out to the UMSN CAPS counselor Dr. Kristen Adams at adamskri@umich.edu
- Access anonymous, peer-to-peer support, supervised 24/7 by licensed mental health practitioners via Togetherall, a free service available to UM students.
- For urgent and/or after-hours support, please contact 734-764-8312 and Press 0 to speak with a licensed mental health professional.

Discuss It

The individual experiencing mistreatment should first, when possible and comfortable, attempt to resolve the matter directly with the alleged offender. The direct communication and conflict resolution strategies outlined in the UMSN EPIC Feedback Model and Communication Guidelines, or other similar communication resources for those experiencing or witnessing microaggressions and bias, can be utilized. The individual can also bring a support person if helpful. If the student is unsatisfied with the attempted direct on, or direct resolution is otherwise not possible, it is appropriate for this student to use one of the mechanisms described below. Suggested options include:

- Discuss the challenge with your clinical or course faculty member, or if more comfortable, program lead, coordinator, or director. They will facilitate the reporting of issues to the relevant departmental leadership and assist with developing and implementing appropriate supportive and restorative measures.
- You can reach out to your academic advisor, who can provide information to support your reporting and connect you with supportive resources for social and emotional support within the School of Nursing and the University.
- You may also discuss the challenge with the Assistant Dean for Community Culture for guidance and information on UMSN and UM-wide student-driven reporting options (confidential, non-confidential, and/or anonymous options), conflict resolution, as well as resources for social and **emotional support. Dr. Hala Darwish can be reached at (734) 647-4929 or darwishh@umich.edu. Every action will be taken to respect wishes for confidentiality; however, as Responsible Employees, the suspicion of some forms of misconduct will be promptly reported.**
- If you are more comfortable, you can seek external support to UMSN with the University Ombuds. As an off-the-record resource on campus, the Ombuds can provide resources, referrals, and guidance. The University Ombuds can be reached at umstudentombuds@umich.edu or tlehker@umich.edu

Report It

- You can also make an anonymous statement to the Office of Community Culture (OCC) using the UMSN Virtual Suggestion Box https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SQymHLTB5zolf3 The UMSN-OCC staff will facilitate reporting any issues to the relevant departmental leadership and/or authorities to take the appropriate measures.
- You can file a confidential or self-identified UM Campus Climate Concern. You can file an anonymous report on the University of Michigan Compliance hotline at (866) 990-0111, via the University of Michigan Compliance website, or via the University of

Michigan Health System Compliance website.

- You can file a report with the UMSN student conflict resolution officers Dr. Kelly Shakoor (ksusewit@umich.edu/763-5360) supports undergraduates and Dr. Katie Nelson (kathrynn@umich.edu/763-4202) professional graduate (MSN/DNP) and PhD students, or Office of Student Conflict Resolution and request consultation, support, and conflict resolution services (www.oscr.umich.edu).
- You can also choose to pursue unlawful discrimination, or harassment claims in compliance with the University's Nondiscrimination Policy Statement by filing a report with the Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX Office (ECRT). Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX Office (ECRT) can be contacted by telephone or in-person by appointment during regular office hours (Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) or by email 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Online reporting is also available on a 24/7 basis. Contact information is as follows:

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- You can also report to the Department of Public Safety and Security. For emergencies, dial 911; for non-emergencies dial 734-763-1131. You can also report to the Ann Arbor Police Department at 734-994-2911.

Nursing students requesting complete anonymity via any of these mechanisms should know that doing so may interfere with the University's ability to investigate a concern, respond to a concern, and the ability to receive information about the follow-up investigation and/or actions taken to restore and sustain a positive learning environment. Therefore, we recommend using one of the confidential options and considering leaving your name and contact information so that we can follow up and ask questions and provide updates on our actions.

The Office of Community Culture

At the University of Michigan School of Nursing, culture is at the heart of everything we do

and is exemplified by our mission to advance health for all through academic leadership, clinical excellence and innovative research.

When we talk about Community Culture, we highlight our commitment to addressing health disparities and making sure that equity and inclusion are integrated into every aspect of our work, from our classrooms to our clinical environments.

The Assistant Dean for Community Culture provides referrals and direct support to all students who experience critical issues related to any aspect of inclusion at UMSN and in the larger campus community, and that bears relevance to the pursuit of their academic, professional and personal goals.

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