General Advising Information

Summer registration begins on March 1, 2016
Fall registration begins on April 4, 2016

- You must meet with your advisor to arrange your fall course schedule.
- Fall course registration requires a PIN number which your advisor will provide. Summer registration does not require a PIN.
- Contact your advisor for a pre-registration appointment.
- Advising appointments should be made in late March for fall registration.
- Your registration date will be available in your Student Center in MaineStreet and is based on the number of credits that you have completed.
- You may create a wish list in MaineStreet before your registration date. Listing courses in your wish list does not guarantee placement in those sections/courses.

THE HEALTH REQUIREMENT DEADLINE FOR FALL: JUNE 1, 2016.
See page 4 for details.

THE CLINICAL REQUEST DEADLINE FOR FALL: MAY 1, 2016.
See page 3 for details.

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Students in Years 1 or 2 or Entering Nursing Labs in Fall 2016

Students in the first two years of the nursing program or students not going to clinical in the fall, at both Portland and Lewiston, should email Karen Martel at karen.martel@Maine.edu to schedule an appointment. Please provide several days and times that you are available.

Advising is particularly important when you are preparing to take the following nursing courses: NUR 300/301 (Total Health Assessment and Lab); NUR 306/307 (Nursing Arts and Sciences and Fundamentals in Nursing Lab) and CON 302, (Pharmacology). These courses must be taken within 1 year of starting the upper division nursing courses: (NUR 323/325, Introduction to Adult/Older Adult Health Nursing and clinical). If they are taken more than one year before starting NUR 323/325, they will have to be repeated, regardless of the grades received the first time the courses were taken. The Health Requirements (see page 4) are due by June 1, 2016, to enroll in NUR 306/307. Please see page 4 for GPA requirements for the nursing labs.

Students Entering Clinical Courses in Fall 2016

If you are enrolling in your first 300-level theory/clinical courses in fall 2016 (NUR 323/325, Introduction to Adult/Older Adult Nursing), Brenda Webster will instruct you to check MaineStreet for your new advisor’s name. Make an appointment with your advisor to determine that you have completed all of the prerequisite courses required to progress into clinical courses!!

The following courses are available for first semester clinical students:

- CON 321 Health-Related Research
- CON 356 Concepts in Community Health
- NUR 323/325 Introduction to Adult and Older Adult Health Nursing, lecture and clinical
- NUR 330/331 Mental Health Nursing, lecture and clinical
- NUR 332 Care of the Older Adult in the Community
- NUR 339 Community Partnership I

Students Continuing in Clinical Courses in Fall 2016

Portland and Lewiston undergraduate nursing students already enrolled in clinical courses: email your advisor or sign up on the appointment sheet posted on your advisor’s door.

After completing NUR 323/325 and NUR 330/331 the following courses are available:

- CON 321 Health-Related Research
- CON 356 Concepts in Community Health
- NUR 332 Care of the Older Adult in the Community
- NUR 339/341 Community Partnership I/II
- NUR 421/422 Reproductive and Sexual Health Nursing, lecture and clinical
- NUR 427/428 Child Health Nursing, lecture and clinical
- Students who entered USM in fall 2013 and after are required to complete NUR 424, Clinically-Applied Genetics.

Students in last semester of program; 
*****Graduating December 2016*****

After completing the preceding courses, the following courses are available for the final semester:

- NUR 341 (Community Partnership II)
- NUR 413 (Advanced Nursing Skills Lab)
- NUR 423/425 (Management of Critically Ill Adult/Older Adults, lecture and clinical)
- NUR 470 (Leadership, Management and Ethics)
- NUR 480 (Practicum/Care Management)
How to Register for Clinical Courses

When you register for clinical courses, you will register for one large clinical section. Placement in the smaller clinical groups will occur when we receive confirmation from clinical agencies about availability of sites. At that time, you will be assigned a clinical day and time. Clinical assignments could be Monday through Saturday, day or evening. We generally do not know clinical availability until August for fall courses.

Clinical Requests
If you have absolutely necessary requests, please contact Laurie Caton-Lemos via email at laurie.caton-lemos@Maine.edu. There are no guarantees that requests will be accommodated, but every effort will be made. The deadline for fall semester clinical placement requests is May 1, 2016.

Clinical and Required Clinical Paperwork

Fall semester may start with a clinical day for some students. Clinical Letters, which include information on where to meet faculty, what to wear, where to park, and other information related to the first day, are posted to Blackboard. The announcement that the information is available and posted comes through the CONUNDER listserv. Many students also need to visit their clinical facility for ID badges and computer training prior to the start of classes. Announcements with this type of information come through the Clinical Letter and the CONUNDER listserv. Be aware that different clinical agencies require specialized paperwork that must be completed prior to attendance. Your attention to email messages is essential.

Community Partnership

Descriptions of Community Nursing Partnerships are available on the School of Nursing web site: http://usm.maine.edu/nursing/community-nursing-partnerships Community Partnerships engage students in partnership-building, risk identification and health promotion within a community-based context. Over the course of two semesters you will work with one community. Not all of the partnerships on the web site are offered starting in fall 2016, some start in spring 2017. There are no clinical partnerships that start in summer. Be sure to check that your choice is available on Course Search in MaineStreet. NUR 339/341 are listed by faculty last name.

The Partnerships available in Portland for fall are Bayside Community with Dr. Susan Sepples and Susan Clement; Casco Bay Community Partnership with Dr. Kimberly Moody; Hospitalized Elder Life Program with Noreen Byrne Vincent; Sagamore Village Partnership with Helen Peake-Godin; Southern Maine Area on Aging with Dr. Linda Samia (available only to NUR 341 continuing students) and International Nursing: The USM Health Outreach Project (Dominican Republic) with Whitney Lutz. There are two partnerships in Lewiston: L/A Community CARE Partnership with Cynthia Randall and Kennedy Park Partnership with Karen Zuckerman.

The Dominican Republic Partnership

If you select the Dominican Republic partnership, you will need to complete an application. Please be aware that a special application for the DR partnership is submitted prior to registration since we generally have more students interested than can be accommodated on the trip. All applicants are reviewed and selected prior to enrollment. Please view the partnership information and application at http://usm.maine.edu/nursing/international-nursing-usm-health-outreach-project.

This partnership has different course numbers from the other partnerships listed above: NUR 326 and NUR 327. You will be enrolled for the first partnership course, NUR 326, the semester before you go to the Dominican Republic. If you travel to the DR for the January trip, you will be enrolled in NUR 327 in late fall. If you plan to go to the Dominican Republic on the summer trip, you will be registered for NUR 326 the preceding spring and NUR 327 in summer.

Did you know?
The School of Nursing web site contains the latest information about the Nursing program. Be sure to visit often! http://usm.maine.edu/nursing/undergraduate-student-resources
Health Requirements for Nursing Labs and Clinical Courses:

You must submit complete documentation of your clinical health and immunization requirements if you are enrolling in a clinical course in the fall, including Fundamentals (NUR 307) or Community Partnership for RNs (NUR 419).

These requirements include a criminal background check, professional level CPR certification from the American Heart Association, and health insurance.

We are now contracting with Certified Background to keep track of student compliance with these requirements.

Information about how to submit your documentation is here: [http://usm.maine.edu/nursing/nursing-clinical-information](http://usm.maine.edu/nursing/nursing-clinical-information)

Students will not be allowed in the health care setting if the health requirements and background checks are not completed and on file with Certified Background.

The absolute deadline for all requirements for fall semester is June 1, 2016. If your requirements are incomplete, you will be withdrawn from clinical and associated lecture courses.

Important!!
Please be sure that your name has been added to the CONUNDER e-mail listserv, as information concerning clinical courses will come to you through the list.

If you did not receive this bulletin’s notification through e-mail (e.g. a friend let you know about it), please contact Brenda Webster for assistance in being added to the list. Brenda’s email is brenda@maine.edu

GPA Requirements for Nursing lab and Clinical Courses:

You must have a USM GPA of 2.75 to enroll in NUR 300/301 and/or 306/307.

You must have a USM GPA of 2.75 and a GPA of 2.67 in required science courses in order to start upper division clinical/theory courses that begin with NUR 323/325 (Introduction to Adult/Older Adult Health Nursing lecture and clinical).

Please refer to the USM Catalog: [http://www.usm.maine.edu/nursing/bs-nursing](http://www.usm.maine.edu/nursing/bs-nursing) for more details about School of Nursing grading policies.

Check your MaineStreet Record:

You are strongly encouraged to check your academic record every semester to make sure there are no unresolved grade issues. Have a temporary Incomplete? Work on it before it computes as an “F”. Get in touch with the faculty and make a plan to complete the course as soon as possible. You are your own best advocate when it comes to your academic record.
Registration for RN-BS students

Please call Brenda Webster at (207) 780-4802 for advising. Brenda will outline each RN’s initial plan of study and will advise RNs for course registration.

The following courses will be offered in summer 2016:

CON 321, Health Related Research;
CON 356, Concepts in Community Health;
NUR 419 Partnership for RN’s
NUR 476 Theory Related to Clinical Specialty for RNs

The following courses will be available in fall 2016:

CON 321 Health-Related Research
CON 356 Concepts in Community Health
NUR 370 Nursing Theory
NUR 474 Leadership and Management for RNs

Information for students graduating in December

If you are planning to graduate in December please contact Brenda Webster at 207-780-4802 or brenda@maine.edu

The Faculty and Staff of the School of Nursing wish you success as you continue your studies at USM!