

To: All Accepted Students in the Vermont Technical College Practical Nursing Program

From: Cindy Martindill, Associate Dean of Nursing

Subject: Welcome Class of 2017!

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We are pleased to have you join us as a PN nursing student at Vermont Tech. You are venturing into a very busy year ahead, and we are here to support you through your journey. Our program enjoys a high success rate. We are looking forward to forming a partnership with you as you journey through the year. We are each here to help you be successful, but we also expect you to take responsibility for and make a commitment to your role as a student nurse.

You probably have lots of questions. Each of you will be attending the nursing program at one of our eleven PN sites throughout Vermont. Each site has a site director who can answer any immediate questions that you might have. There will also be an information session for each site in April/May. Your site director will send you a letter with the date and time for that information session, specific to your site. In the mean time I have listed each site director's name and e-mail address so you will be able to contact them if you need any immediate assistance.

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There will also be a one day new student orientation the week before classes start in August. Your site director will let you know the specific date. This is a very important day during which you will meet your faculty, be oriented to the college technology, learn about the student services available and meet your fellow classmates.

The program is rigorous, so start considering your other responsibilities and how you are going to manage your time as you take on the student nurse role. Typically, you will be in clinical two days per week (some evenings may be required) and in classes two days per week. You should plan on at least two hours of preparation for your clinical days and a minimum of eight hours per nursing course each week.

Welcome. It is going to be an exciting year. I look forward to meeting you at orientation.