

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

Academic Calendar for 2015 – 2016

Fall Semester 2015

August 12,13, 14 (Wed - Fri)	MSN Pre-Specialty Level New Student Orientation
August 12, 13 (Wed - Thurs)	ASN-MSN Level New student orientation
August 14 (Fri)	ASN-MSN Level – 1 st day of class
August 17 (Mon)	MSN Pre-Specialty Level classes begin
August 17, 18 (Mon - Tues)	MSN Specialty Level orientation (BSN and MSN entry)
August 17 (Mon)	MSN Healthcare Leadership classes begin
August 18 (Tues)	Orientation for MSN students progressing to the MSN Specialty Level (afternoon only)
August 19 (Wed)	MSN Specialty Level classes begin <i>Important: Please check your specialty class schedule for specific information on start dates for required classes</i>
August 24 – 27 (Mon - Thurs)	DNP student orientation and intensive
August 24 – 28 (Mon – Fri)	PhD student orientation and intensive
September 7 (Mon)	Labor Day – no VUSN Classes
October 3 (Sat)	MSN, DNP, PhD Fall Open House
November 21 – November 29 (Sat – Sun)	Thanksgiving Break
December 4 (Friday)	Last day of classes for all students
December 7, 8, 9 (Mon – Wed)	Final Exams
December 11 (Friday)	December Pinning Ceremony

Spring Semester 2016

January 4 (Mon)	First day of Spring semester for MSN Pre-Specialty and MSN Specialty courses <i>Important: Please check your specialty class schedule for specific information on start dates for required classes</i>
January 11 – 14 (Mon – Thurs)	PhD and DNP intensive
January 18 (Mon)	MLK Holiday for all students – No VUSN Classes
March 5 - 13 (Sat – Sun)	Spring Break
March 5 (Sat)	MSN and DNP Spring Open House
April 15 (Fri)	Classes end
April 18 - 20 (Mon – Wed)	Final Exams <i>Important: MSN Pre-Specialty Clinical continues during the week of final exams</i>

Summer Semester 2016

April 25 (Mon)	First Day of Summer Semester for MSN Specialty students
May 2 (Mon)	MSN Pre-Specialty classes begin <i>Important: Please check your specialty class schedule for specific information on start dates for required classes</i>
May 9 - 12 (Mon – Thurs)	PhD and DNP intensive
May 12 (Thursday)	Reception for Graduates May Pinning Ceremony
May 13 (Friday)	Commencement
May 30 (Monday)	Memorial Day holiday – No VUSN classes
July 4 (Monday)	July 4 holiday – No VUSN classes
July 29 (Fri)	Classes end for all students
July 31 (Sunday)	Pinning Ceremony for Summer 2016 Graduates