Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

Academic Calendar for 2017 – 2018

**Fall Semester 2017**

- **August 16, 17, 18 (Wed - Fri)**  
  MSN Pre-Specialty Level New Student Orientation

- **August 16, 17 (Wed - Thurs)**  
  ASN-MSN Level New student orientation

- **August 18 (Fri)**  
  ASN-MSN Level – 1st day of class

- **August 21 (Mon)**  
  MSN Pre-Specialty Level classes begin

- **August 21, 22 (Mon - Tues)**  
  MSN Specialty Level orientation (BSN and MSN entry)

- **August 22 (Tues)**  
  Orientation for MSN students progressing to the MSN Specialty Level (afternoon only)

- **August 23 (Wed)**  
  MSN Specialty Level classes begin

  *Important: Please check your specialty class schedule for specific information on start dates for required classes*

- **August 28 – August 31 (Mon - Thurs)**  
  DNP student orientation and intensive

- **August 28 – Sept 1 (Mon – Fri)**  
  PhD student orientation and intensive

- **September 4 (Mon)**  
  Labor Day – no VUSN Classes

- **October 6 – October 7**  
  Vanderbilt Homecoming and Reunion

- **October 14 (Sat) tentative**  
  MSN and DNP Fall Open House

- **November 18 – November 26 (Sat – Sun)**  
  Thanksgiving Break

- **December 8 (Friday)**  
  Last day of classes for all students

- **December 8 (Friday)**  
  December Pinning Ceremony

- **December 11, 12, 13 (Mon – Wed)**  
  Final Exams

**Spring Semester 2018**

- **January 3 (Wed)**  
  First day of Spring semester for Pre-specialty and Specialty courses

  *Important: Please check your specialty class schedule for specific information on start dates for required classes*

- **January 8 - 11 (Mon – Thurs)**  
  PhD and DNP intensive
January 15 (Mon) MLK Holiday for all students – No VUSN Classes
March 3 - 11 (Sat – Sun) Spring Break
March 3 (Sat) tentative MSN and DNP Spring Open House
April 13 (Fri) Classes end
April 16, 17, 18 (Mon – Wed) Final Exams
   Important: MSN Pre-Specialty Clinical continues during the week of final exams
April 20 (Fri) Last Day of Spring Semester

Summer Semester 2018
April 30 (Mon) First Day of Summer Semester for Pre-specialty and Specialty students
   Important: Please check your specialty class schedule for specific information on start dates for required classes
May 7 - 10 (Mon – Thurs) PhD and DNP intensive
May 10 (Thursday) Reception for Graduates
May 11 (Friday) May Pinning Ceremony
May 28 (Monday) Commencement
July 4 (Wed) July 4 holiday – No VUSN classes
August 5 (Sunday) Pinning Ceremony for Summer 2018 Graduates