

# FRESHMAN REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

For Nursing and Health Care Management (NHCM) Coordinated Dual Degree Students
Fall 2017

### **Advance Registration Period:**

The Advance Registration period **begins on Monday, June 19 and runs through Friday, July 14**. During this time, you will request the courses you would like to take during the Fall 2017 semester. **Please note:** the Advance Registration process is not first-come, first-served. You may enter your requests any time between June 19 and July 14, and you will not be at a disadvantage.

Upon the close of the Advance Registration period on July 14, the Registrar's Office will process the requests and begin placing students in courses. You will find out the courses into which you have been placed and will be able to view your schedule in Penn InTouch on or around July 25. If you did not get all of the courses you requested or if you need to make any changes to your schedule, you will be able to do so beginning July 25.

#### **Course Selection:**

As a first-year student in the NHCM program, you will enroll in 4.5 - 5.5 course units (cus) in your first semester. Talk with your NHCM advisor, Melissa Hagan, about the best course load for you.

The required Nursing courses include:

- NURS 061 Biologically-Based Chemistry (0.5 cu)\*
- NURS 068 Integrated Cell Biology and Microbiology (1 cu)
- NURS 101 The Nature of Nursing Practice (0.5 cu)

The required Wharton courses include:

- WH 101 Business and You (0.5 cu)
  - You will be automatically enrolled in this course and will need to schedule your other courses around the times of your assigned WH 101 lecture and recitation sections. You'll receive this assignment via email on June 14, before the start of advance registration.
- MATH 110 Calculus for Wharton Students or Math 104 Calculus I (1 cu)
   Please consult with an advisor regarding which math section will be right for you, and remember to take the online math diagnostic offered by the Department of Mathematics.
- ECON 010 Introduction to Economics for Business (1 cu)

<sup>\*</sup> Please refer to the Course Information section of this web site for more information about NURS 061.

If you are expecting Advanced Placement credit or waivers for any of these courses, consult with your NHCM advisor for advice on alternate courses. Please refer to the <u>Advanced Placement Policy</u> for a list of AP/IB exams and scores for which credit or waivers may be awarded.

If you wish to enroll in an additional course in your first semester, for a total of 5.5 cus, you may choose from the following options:

- Language Course. Information on the language requirement and placement is available on the Academic Policies and Placement Exams section of <a href="this web site">this web site</a>. If you have not placed out of the language requirement, it is recommended that you start on this as soon as possible and enroll in a language course in your first semester.
- General Education or Cross-Cultural Perspectives Course. Information on these liberal arts
  requirements is available <a href="here">here</a>. Please consult with your NHCM advisor for additional guidance on
  choosing an appropriate course.

### **Registration Tips**:

You will register for courses in <u>Penn InTouch</u> and will need your PennKey and password to access the system. If you have not yet received your PennKey Setup Code, or if you have other difficulties establishing a PennKey or password, please contact <u>pennkey@nursing.upenn.edu</u>.

Before you register, you must work out your course schedule and have it ready to enter into the system. Some helpful hints:

- Penn InTouch includes <u>Course Search and Mock Schedule Tools</u> that will help you select courses and organize your schedule.
- Be sure your course times do not overlap with one another (the mock schedule tool will help you avoid this). The registration system will not allow you to request any courses that are in time conflict with each other.
- Be sure to register for all required components of a course (e.g., lecture, lab, clinical). The course search tool will note which courses have multiple required components. If you do not register for all required components of a course, your request will be dropped.
- It is okay to schedule courses back-to-back, as faculty typically release students from class 10 minutes prior to the listed end time to allow for travel between classes. When it comes to scheduling clinical courses, however, students should plan on being in attendance from the exact start time to the exact end time and should account for time for travel to and from the clinical site (this will not affect you in your first semester).
- Register for courses in order of priority. For courses that have multiple components, remember that the credit-bearing section of the course (1 cu) must be listed as a higher priority than the non-credit-bearing section (0 cu). It is recommend that you list your math and economics courses first, followed by your required nursing courses.
- In cases where there are alternate sections of courses that also work with the rest of your schedule, be sure to list those where prompted in Penn InTouch. This will help enhance your chances of getting into the courses you want.

## **Questions?**

Please contact <u>Melissa Hagan</u>, Associate Director of Advising. She serves as the advising-point person for NHCM students. You are also welcome and encouraged to contact your Wharton advisor. You'll receive your Wharton advisor assignment and cohort information via email on June 14.

Finally, you will be paired with a School of Nursing peer advisor (who will be contacting you in the coming weeks) and a School of Nursing faculty advisor (who will be assigned to you at the beginning of the fall semester).