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Dear Nursing Graduate Program Applicant,

You are invited to attend the new student orientation for nurses entering graduate programs in the School of Nursing. Although we embrace distance learning, the opportunity to meet together for an interactive orientation, to discuss your selected role and plan of study with faculty advisors, and to begin socializing with your peer group, is an ideal way to begin graduate study.

The orientation will be on Monday, **August 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the Claudia Hampton Lecture Hall located in the Welch Hall building (ground floor, south side). The room can be chilly, so plan to bring a heavy sweater. On the campus map, look for building 23 and park in Lot 3. Parking will be free that week.

Key information or activities that will be addressed at orientation:
- Demonstration of online library databases and resources (begins at 9 am)
- Online classroom navigation (begins at 9:45 am)
- Clinical preceptorships
- Culminating activity (not a thesis or exam)
- Graduate policies
- Student Services Center
- Graduate writing assessment requirement
- CSUDH Student ID (be photo-ready)
- Break-out session with your role advisor

I believe that students with a good grasp of the above topics will encounter fewer difficulties as they move through their graduate studies. Please let us know if you will be coming via an online sign-up no later than August 14th at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050E49ACAF28A46-newstudent4](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050E49ACAF28A46-newstudent4)

**Special Notes:**
1. Do not wait for orientation to enroll in courses. As soon as you have a registration date, use the “Course Enrollment Tutorial” located on the School of Nursing (SON) website under the Forms link to complete your online registration. View required textbooks in the online bookstore: [http://www.csudh.bkstr.com](http://www.csudh.bkstr.com) You may purchase or rent your books in the on-campus bookstore on orientation day.
2. This letter is not an offer of admission. It has been sent to both admitted students and applicants pending an admission decision.

3. The first two hours of the agenda will be an orientation of the online Library resources/databases and Blackboard (online classroom). If you are a continuing CSUDH student or are familiar with these systems, you may join us at 11:00 a.m. after those sessions are completed. Download orientation materials in advance from: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/augk0r7gu4t84xl/AADph3H5Esushs1ITkvUwG8-a?dl=0

4. This orientation is mandatory for newly admitted FNP students. Also, be sure to enroll in section 18 or 28 of the MSN 528 course. These sections are reserved for FNP students.

5. MSN Pathway students (all role options, including FNP) should attend this graduate student orientation at entry into the university.

   MSN Pathway students admitted to the FNP role option: Your BSN-level courses must be completed prior to registering in any of the MSN-level courses. In addition to attending orientation when admitted, plan to re-connect with the FNP Director during the semester you are finishing the BSN-level courses for the purpose of:

   - Affirming that you will be starting the MSN portion of the program
   - Confirming the specific course sections you should enroll in
   - Determining if there are any changes in the FNP admission/progression process since the time you attended orientation.

I look forward to seeing you at orientation and I am confident that you will be glad that you made the arrangements necessary to attend.

Sincerely,

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