To all Members of the Class of 2020

Welcome to the Collaborative Nursing Degree Program at the George Brown College site. We hope you are enjoying your summer and would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the activities and events which you should be aware of prior to the start of classes at George Brown College in September.

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**Orientation**

Students and faculty have organized a fun and informative orientation for incoming students. Your orientation has four (4) components:

**Part One -- Centre for Health Sciences Orientation from 9:30 AM:**

The Centre for Health Sciences orientation and Dean’s Welcome for the Sally Horsfall Eaton School of Nursing will take place from 9:30 – 12:30 on **Tuesday, August 30th, 2016** at the **Waterfront Campus, Main Concourse level**.

**Part Two – Barbecue Lunch at GBC Waterfront campus from 12:30 – 1:30pm**

We ask that you enjoy the BBQ and quickly make your way over to the Nursing Orientation as it starts at 1pm and you need to register just outside the room.

**Part Three -- BScN Program, School of Nursing Orientation from 1:00 PM – 3:30PM**

The BScN Program orientation will take place from **1:30 – 3:30 PM on Tuesday, August 30th, 2016** at the **Waterfront Campus, at 51 Dockside Drive, in rooms #004 and 005**. Registration will take place between 12:30 -13:00. During this part of the orientation, you will be provided with:

- information regarding the Collaborative BScN Program;
- an opportunity to meet people who will play a very important role in your next four (4) years of education;
- an opportunity to meet and ask questions of faculty and of students in the second year of the program;
- information regarding orientation from the George Brown Chapter of the Canadian Nursing Student Association (CNSA)
Part Four – Join GBC Canadian Nursing Student’s Association for FROSH from 3:30PM:

- Will take place from 3:30 – 8:00 PM; start off in rooms’ # 004-005.
- The CNSA invites you to complete this small survey to assist with their planning: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R57BWYQ

If you have any questions or need clarification about any of the information in this letter, please bring it to orientation on August 30th, and ask one of the professors or second year students who will be available to help you.

Clinical Pre-Placement Health Requirements

Please read very carefully the section on Clinical Pre-Placement Health Requirements in the Important Information, Dates, and Deadlines table below. The information is very important as it will affect your ability to enter into your first clinical placement.

Student Success at George Brown

At George Brown College, Our goal is your success!

The Student Success Program at George Brown targets first-year students and promotes sustainable learning communities. The Program is based on three key elements:

1. On-going Orientation - Members of the Student Success Team (coordinators, specialists, professors, students) collaborate to ensure that students become aware of the assistance that is available, and connect them to academic and professional support services, online resources, and other program initiatives.

2. Academic Competence – The Student Success Team works with individuals and groups of students on the development of learning strategies that are integrated with course content. A learn-to-learn model is used, which encourages peer interaction and enhancement of collaborative learning skills.

3. Early Alert - The Student Success Team focuses on early contact that supports students in developing a plan, implementing strategies, and accessing resources that will help them to achieve their academic goals.

“Students will become more involved in learning and spend more time learning when they are placed in supportive settings that hold high expectations for their learning, provide frequent feedback about their learning, and require them to share the experience of learning with others.”

Tinto, V. (Jan. 2004).
The following programs have been established by George Brown and the BScN program faculty to enhance your experience and success in the program.

- Online Learning Community – join the Facebook group for your year – see details below
- First Year Learning Teams – 2nd year Peer Leaders help get you organized for your first assignments
- Clinical Assisted Learning - 2nd year Peer Leaders help you practice important clinical skills
- In-Class Student Success Workshops – help with planning your studying and your time
- Scholarly Writing Program - a professor coaches you in your Health Science writing
- Anatomy Learning Group - helps with reviewing challenging content from your classes

The days and times, that these programs will be offered, will be announced during the first week of classes.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

The table below contains additional important information that students generally have questions about. Because we are a Collaborative Program, it is often confusing for students as they are not sure whether to follow George Brown or Ryerson practices. We have attempted to clarify this for you in the following table. We have included **deadlines** where they apply, in hopes that you do not miss them.

We look forward to meeting you at orientation and working with you in the coming year. Have a relaxing, fun summer.

Best regards,

Leigh Dybenko RN, MSc(A) Nursing  
Professor, Year 1 Coordinator  
Collaborative BScN Program

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| Confirm your offer of admission | June 8, 2016 | A tuition deposit of **$600** is due no later than **June 8th, 2016** is to be made to Ryerson University and will be credited towards you tuition fees at the college site you have confirmed to in the fall. see [http://www.ryerson.ca/nursingdegree/approved/pay-your-deposit.html](http://www.ryerson.ca/nursingdegree/approved/pay-your-deposit.html)  
Ryerson Fees and Financial Information [http://www.ryerson.ca/currentstudents/fees_finances/](http://www.ryerson.ca/currentstudents/fees_finances/)  
Applying to Ryerson, Approved Student Information [http://www.ryerson.ca/undergraduate/admission/apply/approved.html](http://www.ryerson.ca/undergraduate/admission/apply/approved.html) |
Check STU-VIEW for staggered registration periods to see when you can start to register. Please note that registration dates will be posted by July 4, 2016. |
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<td>Transfer Credits</td>
<td>August 8 2016</td>
<td>Applications are processed after May 1 for the upcoming Fall admits. The final date for newly approved students to apply for Transfer Credit with complete applications and have the results for the start of the 2016/2017 academic year is <strong>August 8, 2016</strong> (with the exception of students receiving late admission into the program). Applications received after this date will be assessed for the start of the Winter 2017 Term.</td>
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<td>Transfer Credit information can be found at the following link: <a href="http://www.ryerson.ca/currentstudents/transfercredits/how_to_apply/UGRD_Apply.html">http://www.ryerson.ca/currentstudents/transfercredits/how_to_apply/UGRD_Apply.html</a> On this page, under the ‘Related Links’ section, there are a number of links to information regarding transfer credit applications. You should be able to find any information you need here, including the actual transfer credit application forms.</td>
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<td><strong>Once you receive a transfer credit make an appointment with Sarah Evans <a href="mailto:sevans@georgebrown.ca">sevans@georgebrown.ca</a> the Year one BScN Academic Advisor, 7th floor; room # 701.</strong> If you have questions or issues regarding the transferring of credits, you may make an appointment to see Sarah Evans at <a href="mailto:sevans@georgebrown.ca">sevans@georgebrown.ca</a> beginning August 22, 2016.</td>
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<td>Financial Assistance – Any students applying for OSAP will apply ONLY at George Brown College... NOT Ryerson!!</td>
<td>Application to OSAP, the Ontario Student Assistance Program: You require five (5) courses in semester one (1) to qualify for OSAP. Please note that for the first two years of your program you are a George Brown College student and your OSAP application is completed for and directed to George Brown College. OSAP applications for 2016/2017 are available at the following link: <a href="https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPorta">https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPorta</a> This is where you apply for OSAP or 30% Off Ontario Tuition. Please direct all questions regarding OSAP or other financial matters during your first two years to the Financial Assistance Office located in the Student Service Centre at Waterfront Campus (lower Concourse level). For more information see go to the GBC Registrar’s Office Website - Financial Assistance: <a href="http://www.georgebrown.ca/financialaid/">http://www.georgebrown.ca/financialaid/</a></td>
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<td>Awards and Scholarships</td>
<td>Apply Early</td>
<td>George Brown College’s Awards program recognizes excellence and assists students with the costs of their education through non-repayable scholarships, awards, and bursaries allows you to identify awards, scholarships and bursaries you may be eligible for, apply online and track the status of your application. <a href="http://www.georgebrown.ca/financialaid/awards_scholarships/">http://www.georgebrown.ca/financialaid/awards_scholarships/</a></td>
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<td>BScN Online Learning Community</td>
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<td>Starting Tuesday , <strong>August 23, 2016</strong>, you can join a BScN Online Learning Community (on Facebook) to connect with other first-year students and talk to BScN Peer Leaders, a BScN Professor, and a Student Success Specialist who can answer your questions about the program and the College. Through this group, we’ll be keeping you informed about useful resources and strategies that can help you to save time and give you an academic edge! Your Fall Term 2016 Course Outlines will be posted on Facebook.</td>
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<td><strong>Student Photo ID</strong></td>
<td>September 6, 2016</td>
<td>Your student Photo ID card identifies you as a student at George Brown College giving you access to many of our services and facilities. Carry your Student Photo ID card with you at all times since it is required for access to variety of Campus services and to participate in a number of important activities related to your academic life at the College. This may include attendance in class and the writing of tests and exams, borrowing of lab equipment, and it is also a Library Borrower Card and a Print/Copy-card used for photocopying and printing within your campus Library Learning Commons. To have your card activated as your Borrower Card, simply take it to the Library Learning Common Help Desk. To find out how to get your photo ID, go to: <a href="http://www.georgebrown.ca/studentcard/photo-id-special-sessions.aspx">http://www.georgebrown.ca/studentcard/photo-id-special-sessions.aspx</a></td>
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| **Clinical Pre-Placement Health / Practice Record Requirements** | Due Date is November 5, 2016 | You should begin this process immediately upon acceptance into the program as it can take 8 – 12 weeks to complete. The Practice Record Requirement form that you need is found at: www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/nursing As of July 11th, 2016, you will be sent a letter in the mail about the new Practice Requirement Record form, police check and invite you to attend an information session. Please be patient and do not download, use or complete the Ryerson University-Central Placement Office PRR forms posted on their website, as this is exclusive for Ryerson University students only and **not to be used** by our Collaborative BScN GBC students. If you have any questions, please contact us directly. You have to complete the Practice Record Requirement (PRR) Form Health Requirements and submit these documents to Paramed, the College’s Registered Nurse provider on or before November 5th, 2016. **Vaccinations** You should begin the process of ensuring your vaccinations are up-to-date upon acceptance into the program as it can take 8 – 12 weeks to complete. Past students have had difficulties with getting the required tests, immunizations, etc. completed on time so you are strongly advised to start the process immediately. You will need to provide the following: **Police Vulnerable Sector Check** The process can take 8-12 weeks. The timing of securing your police check is important. Some clinical facilities require that students renew their vulnerable sector checks with the police every six months. In order to avoid doing this twice in an academic year, you are...
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<td>advised to begin the process in September, 2016. This way, you will meet the November 5th deadline and you will not need to redo the process prior to your clinical experience in March. Completed Practice Record Requirement (PRR) Form, police vulnerable sector check and CPR level HCP certificate (all sections must be completed; check to be sure that absolutely every square is filled in). For more information, please check the website at <a href="http://www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/nursing">http://www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/nursing</a>. Please note that the program code for the BScN program is S118-BScN. Should you have any questions on the PRR form, please contact Suzette Martinuzzi, Clinical Pre-placement Coordinator at (416) 415-5000 ext. 3415 or you can email her office at <a href="mailto:smartinu@georgebrown.ca">smartinu@georgebrown.ca</a>. The Clinical Pre-placement Office is located at 51 Dockside Drive, Room 702, 7th Floor (north side window). For more information, visit <a href="http://www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/contact/">http://www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/contact/</a>.</td>
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*Please NOTE: Students who do not meet these pre-placement requirements for practice / lab (as described in the Ryerson, Centennial, George Brown Collaborative Nursing Degree Program, Student Handbook 2016-2017) will not be permitted into clinical placement and will be subject to concomitant academic penalties.*
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| Sally Horsfall Eaton School of Nursing Web Site                                       |                            | **http://www.georgebrown.ca/nursing/**  
From the School of Nursing website, you are able to access information for Current Students at  
**http://www.georgebrown.ca/current_students/academic_centres/HS/nursing/**  
Your program is **S118 – Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing**                                                   |
| Important Dates at GBC                                                               |                            | **http://www.georgebrown.ca/registernow/important-dates.aspx**                                                                                             |
| Academic Advisor – Year one BScN Program                                              |                            | Sarah Evans Academic Advisor for the BScN program (416-415-5000 ext. 6677 or sevans@georgebrown.ca)  
Office is room # 701 located on the 7th floor.  
Available for students starting August 22, 2016                                                                 |
| School of Nursing -- 7th floor reception desk                                         |                            | School of Nursing Office Hours  
Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
416-415-5000 ext. 3965; email: nursing@georgebrown.ca                                                                 |
| Nursing Kit                                                                          |                            | The **Nursing Kit** can be purchased in the GBC Bookstore after the 1st week of school. The quality of the merchandise in this kit is set by the Nursing Faculty.  
The kit contains equipment that you will need in your Assessment and Practice Course labs / clinical. The kit includes a Littman III Stethoscope, reflex hammer, pen light, bandage scissors and safety goggles. You will receive a 15% discount when you identify yourself as a BScN student and submit your student ID card.  
In addition to the Nursing Kit, you are also urged to purchase a watch with a 2nd hand (analog), which will be necessary in completing many of your assessment tasks, such as assessing pulse and respirations. |
| Uniform                                                                              |                            | First year students are required to purchase one complete Collaborative Uniform. These will be sold in the GBC Bookstore at the Waterfront Campus. Hosiery must be BLACK or match the uniform. In addition, only BLACK short or long sleeve t-shirts may be worn under the uniform top. For students wishing to make their own skirts, the fabric will be available for sale from the bookstore.  
Student’s shoes must be in good condition and clean. They must have a closed toe and heel. The upper covering of the top must be solid. Holes are permitted for shoelaces only. Otherwise, no holes are permitted (including ventilation holes). Mesh is not permitted. Shoe material must be relatively impermeable to chemicals, hot liquids and sharps. Please note, the color of the shoes you wear in the clinical setting is NOT specified. However, some settings do require white shoes (for the full Uniform Policy, see the Ryerson, Centennial, George Brown Collaborative Nursing Degree Program Student Handbook, 2016-2017).  
Students must arrive to NSE12 and NSE13 labs by week 3 of the Fall Term in a clean and wrinkle-free uniform. |

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June 21, 2016  
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| GBC Student Email – a MUST!! | | Every George Brown student will receive their own college e-mail account, available anywhere using a web browser. Only this email account is to be used for communication with faculty. Your new George Brown College account is the best way to:  
- Ask your teachers questions  
- Exchange study notes with a classmate  
- Submit assignments  
- Easily access important college information  
- Find out about class cancellations or schedule changes  
- Keep track of important deadlines and key dates, like exams and intersession week  
- Receive information from the college on tuition, program status and transcripts  
Go to [http://www.georgebrown.ca/studentemail/](http://www.georgebrown.ca/studentemail/) to get more information and to sign up. You are required to register for and to maintain this account. |
| Ryerson’s Administrative Management Self Service (RAMSS) | | RAMSS is a collection of online service functions that allow you to view aspects of your academic, financial, and personal information. You will require RAMSS to update your address, order degree progress reports, enroll in summer courses, drop or swap classes, access any decisions made if you have applied for transfer credits, view your final grades, etc. You should have received your User Name and Password for this service from Ryerson via mail, and should set up your account as soon as you are able, it is also important to set up your Ryerson email account, as you will be required to use it throughout both the fall and winter term. Be sure to note both your username and password in a safe place, as you will need them throughout the entire 4 years of the program.  
Guide to RAMSS can be found at: [www.ryerson.ca/content/ryerson/RAMSSsupport-](http://www.ryerson.ca/content/ryerson/RAMSSsupport) |
| Locker Rentals | | It is highly recommended that you secure a locker. You will be changing into your uniform on days that you have Nursing Practice and Health Assessment classes, so it is recommended that you secure a locker on the 4th floor of the Waterfront Campus, which is where the labs are located that you will be working in.  
[http://www.georgebrown.ca/lockers/](http://www.georgebrown.ca/lockers/) |
<p>| Ryerson University Full &amp; Part-Time Undergraduate Calendar 2016-2017 &amp; Important Dates | | <a href="http://www.ryerson.ca/currentstudents/calendars/">http://www.ryerson.ca/currentstudents/calendars/</a> |
| For Future Reference – Record the Following [Remember to keep all passwords and PINs confidential] | |  |
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| George Brown Student Number | |  |</p>
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