Program News - PHI 2115, PSY 2700, NTR 2120 are only offered in session II (Fall and Spring only). SOC 1500 will be offered session I Fall and Spring only) as many students receive transfer credit for these courses. THL 1500 and MAT 1250 will continue to be offered 3 times a year in Session I – Spring, Fall and Summer. Reps have adjusted progression plans if you need one.

Compliance Information - New students will be using Complio (online program of the American Data Bank) to keep track of required clinical documentation.

ICU Shadow Opportunity - An alumna has generously offered to share her time with you if you interested in an ICU shadowing experience at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. This offer is only available to students who are local and who have all of their clinical compliance documents done (immunizations, flu shots, CPR etc.). This is for anyone who wants exposure to critical care nursing and is not a option for clinical practicum hours. Contact Wendy Davis if you are interested - WendyDavisRN@gmail.com.

May Graduates – Pamela Abrams, Ann Daniele, Kate Davies, Carol Devlin, Audrey Fossett, Nicoletta Guerrier, Ren Marion Hernandez, Ashley Karkoska, Anna Oberlander, Erika Palo, Scott Redden, Jennie Pierog, Veronica Salamat and Anthony Viselli

Faculty News – Dr. Lyons’ study on PICC Flushing Protocols and Homecare clients was cited in 2016 INS Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice.

Robin Herb CRNP (Faculty NUR 3007) volunteers her services in yearly missing trips. She is in Guatemala this summer.

Student News – Alicia Whitfield & Heather Foley received the Dean’s Scholarship ($1000 each). Chad Donnelly & Kristina DiPatri received the Janetti Medical Surgical Award ($1000 each)

Anna Karkoska – Accepted a position at Phoenixville Hospital.

General Program Info
Get Involved - Villanova has lots of opportunities to get involved. See if these groups interest you: Student Nurses of Pennsylvania (SNAP), Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), Nurses without Borders and many others - click here.

Clinical Course Requirements – Two nursing courses in the program require the completion of clinical hours as part of the coursework. This is an accreditation requirement. These courses are NUR 4113 Practicum for Health Promotion and Community Health and NUR 4117 Fieldwork in Leadership and Management. You will receive more information about this when you enter course NUR 2180.

Graduation Information - The University has one formal Commencement ceremony in May of each year and the College has 3 convocation ceremonies (May, July, & December). Check your Villanova email account for one that contains more information on Graduation. You can apply with this link.
Theresa Sullivan provided an update on the bill she worked to submit (Georgia's HB 979) that would make the assault of an emergency healthcare worker a felony. It passed both the house and senate with such support that it overrides any veto power by the governor.

What’s new in your life? We would like to hear of any your accomplishments. Please email us with any award, promotions, new positions or accolades or news that you receive and we will post them to upcoming editions of the newsletter!
nursing.nbnsnonline@villanova.edu

Links to Campus Lectures - Many on campus lectures are recorded and can be viewed online at Villanova YouTube Check Campus Currents in your Villanova Email account for notices of upcoming lectures.

Have you moved or are planning to move? Please notify your rep of your address and go to formally change your address with Registrar

Villanova Email account – All students have 2 email accounts. One is located within the LMS where you courses are located and the other is found by going to www.villanova.edu and entering your Villanova username and password into the My NOVA portal and clicking on the email icon. Official university information is sent to this address so please check it regularly. There are instructions on how to forward this email to your home email account located in the Student Resources Center of the LMS.

What is the Tech Support Number? UA has 24/7 Technical Support which can be reached by calling toll-free at 1-800-742-1309.

Student Resource Center – in the Learning Management System – LMS (where you access your courses) there is a section full of helpful information to students regarding the program, clinical courses, writing help and much more. It is called the Student Resources Center. You access it from the Resources link at the very top of each course after you login. Open the Resource link and choose Student Resources Center from the dropdown menu. Once there click on the many options for you. Please take time to investigate what has been placed there to help you with your academic success.

MAT 1250 Tutor - Free Statistic tutoring available. The University is now providing a graduate assistant to help students with statistic tutoring if needed. This person will change every few semesters. Please contact Melissa Ferreira (MLRC Director) @ melissa.ferreira@villanova.edu to find contact info for the current GA. Also do not hesitate to reach out to your MAT 1250 faculty member for assistance as well.

Advisement - Dr. Lyons is the advisor to all RN-BSN Online students. She works closely with the UA re-enrollment reps so that they should be your first call for most advisement...
issues. If your issue cannot be handled after contacting your rep, please reach out to her at margaret.g.lyons@villanova.edu or via LMS email, she is in all courses as "Guest Professor" for your convenience.

**Role of the Reps** – There are 2 representatives at University Alliance (UA). Your first representative is the admission rep who helps you apply and enter the program. Once you are admitted, you will transition to a re-enrollment rep who stays with you until you graduate to assist you in course selection and preparation for graduation. Make sure you communicate with your rep on a regular basis to stay on track!

**What is a CAPP?** A CAPP is the term for the Curriculum, Advising and Program Planning tool. It is the best way to see your progression to graduation. Running a CAPP will show you what courses you have taken and what ones you still need to take. You can run a CAPP by going to MyNova, in Student Tab under “My Schedule and Registration”. Instructions can be found here.

**Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)** - is the International Honor Society for Nursing for BSN and Graduate level nurses. It was founded in 1922 and its mission is to enhance world health and to celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. Villanova’s chapter is Alpha Nu. Membership is by invitation. You will be emailed during the year (@ March) with application criteria and instructions. Induction ceremony annually in Nov. http://www.nursingsociety.org/

**Scholarship Information** - There are numerous scholarships and awards available to qualified students in the College of Nursing. For more information click here.

**If you live in the Tristate Philadelphia area – Jobs** - There may be opportunities for employment info at Externship and Job Opportunities (VU Career Services) (AfterCollege.com).

**Writing Center** – the writing center at Villanova is currently only available to students who can physically come to Villanova and make an appointment. We are working on offering this service to all students. The center’s website does have some online resources that you can review to help you improve your writing. There are more on the Student Resources Center in the LMS.

**Registrar** – The Registrar will register new student for their first courses. After that, you need to register yourself for courses at Villanova using the My NOVA portal. Your UA reps can assist you with finding this is needed. If you receive an error message when trying to register for certain courses, notify your rep. There are certain courses that require you to have a certain number of credits – i.e. senior status and if you don’t have the required number, you will be prevented from registering. The registrar will enter you manually. We are working on correcting this.

**Career Services** - provides the opportunity for students to establish a file where they can put their resume, letters of recommendation, etc. and then when they apply for a position, Career Services will send out an official document to employers with all of the shared information. They will save this for 7 years and students can update it periodically as they wish. http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/vpaa/careers/plan/credentials.html

**2016 EVENTS**

**July 20** - Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com.
**September 21** - Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com.
**November 16** - Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com.
**November 21** – Annual Distinguished Lecture

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