

Dear Nursing Student,

The year one team strives to ensure your learning experience is a positive, supportive, and collaborative process. We are so pleased you have chosen our Nursing program and know you will find your courses here both challenging and rewarding. You have chosen a very exciting and fulfilling profession and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to nursing!

In Ontario, Nursing is a profession regulated under the College of Nurses of Ontario. There are seven professional standards that provide a framework for nurses to provide competent, safe, and ethical nursing care to the public. As a nursing student, you will be introduced to the professional standards and are expected to abide by them throughout the program and your future nursing career. Accountability is one of the seven professional standards for nurses. Over the course of the next four years, you will be making many decisions that will affect your success in this program and ultimately in the profession of nursing. While you may look for advice from your friends and family, I would like to remind you that as a nursing student enrolled in the Ontario Tech/DC collaborative BScN program, you will be considered an adult and expected to be accountable and responsible for your own choices and actions. All communication will be conducted with you alone and will remain confidential. It is up to you to decide how much information you would like to share with your family and support network. However, faculty members and staff in the program will only communicate with students. There are many valuable services here at the university, offered through [Student Life](#) to help and guide you in your decision-making.

Classes will begin **Tuesday September 5** as per the [Academic Calendar](#). I would like to remind you that your classes may be held on evenings and weekends. Commitment and attendance in your classes is imperative to your success in this program. I am pleased to inform you that our nursing program utilizes both digital as well as hard copy texts for most courses. Please ensure you are purchasing the right texts labelled especially for the BScN program. You are enrolled in a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Tele program and will find that your professors will be integrating online sources and e-books. A reminder regarding the laptop standards for the Faculty of Health Sciences can be found [here](#). You will be required to have the **OTU Foundations Yr1 F23 ebook Custom Package – ISBN 9780443251900** for the first day as you will be downloading your books in your first NURS 1003 nursing class. This package includes your Fall nursing e-books and online skills. You will be required to purchase other textbooks as well for some nursing and health science courses as per your courses online. Once the Fall semester textbooks become available, you will be able to find them on the [Campus Store website](#).

I encourage you to take the time to plan and organize yourself around the requirements to commence this program. You will find the next four years a special time in your life where you will transition in becoming a valued member of the Nursing profession that provides competent, safe, and ethical care to the public.

Once again, welcome and congratulations on your choice to be part of the Ontario Tech/DC Collaborative BScN Program. I look forward to meeting you in person.

Sincerely,

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