

Spring 2008

Dear Decker School of Nursing BAT Student,

As Clinical Site Coordinator, I would like to welcome you to the Decker School of Nursing (DSON). How exciting it must be for you as you begin this new course of professional study!

The DSON and the clinical agencies with which we affiliate abide by New York State (NYS) Department of Health regulations which mandate physical examinations and annual assessments for all persons who engage in patient contact. In anticipation of this, a Decker School of Nursing Student Health Evaluation Form for the 2008-2009 academic year is enclosed. An information sheet providing details regarding all health requirements accompanies the health form. *Please make time to read this information sheet, as it will provide answers to many of your questions as you complete the required documentation.* Of note are the requirements regarding titers and documentation of immunity, please see that your health care provider pays special attention to this information.

*All students enrolled in clinical courses will need to submit a completed DSON health form and fulfill all health requirements prior to entry into clinical practice.* Clinical practice includes any/all hospital, nursing home, outpatient, and community experiences. As these experiences are requirements for summer clinical nursing courses (Nurs 320, Nurs 321, Nurs 322, Nurs 352), an inability to participate in these clinical experiences will present great difficulty with coursework completion and potential inability to progress in the nursing curriculum. I cannot stress enough the importance of prompt compliance!

Physical exams, PPDs and CPR certification are current for one calendar year. Baccalaureate Accelerated Track (BAT) students may want to consider obtaining these requirements in early May, as this will carry them through the entire 12-month program. **The deadline for submission of health requirements for entering BAT students will be May 16, 2008.**

Many affiliating agencies have moved to a policy prohibiting artificial/acrylic nails for personnel engaged in direct patient care. Students are encouraged to take appropriate action should this pertain to them (i.e. grow the nails out or have them professionally removed). Thank you.

This mailing represents much information. Please feel free to contact me at (607) 777-4845 or by e-mail at [christop@binghamton.edu](mailto:christop@binghamton.edu) with questions or concerns. Have a great spring! Looking forward to meeting you in May!

Sincerely,

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