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Pre-nursing Students,

Welcome to UNC. We at the School of Nursing hope you are enjoying your semester and learning a lot. You are in beginning stages of becoming professionals and your choices are valuable for your future. Navigating through the prerequisites for nursing can be confusing so here are a few tips.

### **Grades**

1. GPA is the criteria that is used to admit students into the nursing program. While we want you to build quality relationships and experiences, you are charged with balancing your priorities.
2. If you should do poorly on a course this semester for any reason, you do not have to despair that you will never become a nurse or get into the program. Retaking a course offers the opportunity to raise your grade, and the admissions team will always look at the higher grade when calculating your GPA. Your advisor can help you decide how and when to take courses to keep you on track

### **Advising**

According to UNC policy, you must be advised each semester in order for you to obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN ) to register for the following semester. You may choose from **two** options:

1. You may attend a Group Advising Session OR
2. You may call the nursing office to make an individual appointment (351-2293). Be aware that while Sandra Strobel is listed as your advisor, there a team of 3 of us and you may see any of the three for your advising session. The three advisors are Sandra Strobel, Priscilla Faulkner and Lynda Woodson.

Below is a list of advising meetings that you may attend this semester. Please choose only one to attend and bring a copy of your unofficial transcripts (print from URSA), any 2 or 4-year plan you have and any questions you have for an advisor.

**Please note that if you have had an individual advising session with a nursing advisor this semester, you DO NOT need to attend a group advising session, unless your advisor has told you to.**

3. If you have been advised and have not gotten your PIN, you may call the nursing office after October 10, to get your number. If your name is not on the list, you will need to make an appointment for advising or sign a waiver to refuse advising.

**Group Advising Times:**

- October 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 pm, Gunter Hall, Room 3000 (Welcome Freshmen)
- October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm, Wilson Hall
- October 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm, Harrison Den
- November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 pm, Gunter Hall, Room 3000
- November 11<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 pm, Gunter Hall, Room 3000
- November, 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 pm, Wilson Hall
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-6 pm, Gunter Hall, Room 3000

**Your School of Nursing Advising Team:**

Priscilla Faulkner, Lynda Woodson, Sandee Strobel