

INFORMATION LETTER



Baylor
College of
Medicine

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To: Students Entering the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

From: School of Health Professions

Welcome to BCM! On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of the School of Health Professions, it is my honor to welcome you to Baylor College of Medicine. We are anticipating your arrival for Orientation on Monday, January 4, 2020.

Your enrollment will begin a partnership between you and our faculty that will lead to your completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree either 2 or 3 years from your matriculation date, depending on your entry status.

Information for incoming students is available in this document as well as on the Accepted Applicants website. We encourage you to carefully review the details and recommendations provided. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

I look forward to you being part of the “Baylor Family.”

Robert J. McLaughlin, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Health Professions

New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation consists of two components: Health Professions Student Orientation and DNP Program Orientation. All incoming students are required to attend the Health Professions Student Orientation on Monday, January 4. DNP Program Orientation will begin on the afternoon of January 4 (following Health Professions Student Orientation). Orientation and other new student activities will continue on Tuesday, January 5 and Wednesday, January 6. A detailed schedule will be available in December. Orientation activities will be held in a classroom large enough to accommodate appropriate social distancing. Note: MS-DNP students will only need to be on campus January 4 and 5.

Parking on campus is available in [garages 4, 6, and 7](#). Standard Texas Medical Center [visitor parking rates](#) will apply. To gain access to the building on your first day, you will be required to show a picture ID (e.g., driver’s license or other government-issued ID) to the security guard at the entrance. The security guard will issue you a visitor’s badge that must be worn while you are on campus. Casual dress is suggested, but keep in mind you will have a photo ID made.

Financial Aid and Tuition

There are many financial aid opportunities offered through the College. If you wish to apply for financial aid, you should do so at your earliest opportunity. Please refer to the [Office of Student Financial Aid](#) for more information and application forms. Be sure to read the Health Professions and Graduate Student Application [Instructions](#) before beginning your application packet.

New students pay one-half of their tuition on February 1 and the remaining half on September 1. The Student Account Services Office processes your tuition and fee payments. A detailed breakdown of student fees is available below.

	BSN-DNP Students			MS-DNP Students		
	Payment #1* Due 2/1/2021	Payment #2* Due 9/1/2021	Total for Year 1	Payment #1* Due 2/1/2021	Payment #2* Due 9/1/2021	Total for Year 1
Tuition	\$12,875	\$12,875	\$25,750	\$12,875	\$12,875	\$25,750
Fees						
Curriculum Materials	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Lab Materials	\$0	\$56	\$56	\$0	\$0	\$0
Malpractice	\$6	\$6	\$12	\$0	\$0	\$0
Matriculation	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
Health Insurance (student only)	\$2,803.50	\$2,803.50	\$5,607	\$2,803.50	\$2,803.50	\$5,607
Yearbook	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$45
Educational IT	\$120	\$120	\$240	\$120	\$120	\$240
Academic Success Center	\$75	\$75	\$150	\$75	\$75	\$150
Facility	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$4,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
Documentation	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$100
Student Activities	\$40	\$40	\$80	\$40	\$40	\$80
Student Services	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$35	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$35
	\$19,087	\$18,988	\$38,075	\$16,681	\$16,526	\$33,207

*amounts subject to change

Funds for first year DNP students are generally [disbursed](#) in the first two weeks of January.

Immunizations/Health Requirements

The state of Texas requires all students in health care fields to be immunized against certain diseases before beginning study in their field. All students are required to submit copies of their actual immunization records or actual lab tests indicating immunity to the Baylor Occupational Health Program. Instructions for submitting records are available on the [OHP website](#). **All students must have complete records on file in Occupational Health by November 30.**

Student Health Insurance – Medical/Dental Plan

Every Baylor student is automatically enrolled in the [health care program for students](#) each academic year. The Student Account Services Office adds the premium charges to each student's account as of February 1. Health Insurance is billed to you every six months. You may choose to include your spouse and/or child(ren) for an additional fee. Students also have the option to waive this coverage if they have insurance through another health plan. More detailed information about the student health insurance program can be obtained by contacting Melina Rodriguez at 713-798-1500. The program will also be explained in more detail at Health Professions Student Orientation.

	Total Premium (Medical + Dental)
Student Only	\$467.25
Student & Spouse/Partner	\$934.50
Student & One Child	\$913.59
Student & Two or More Children	\$1,359.93
Family (Student, Spouse/Partner & One Child)	\$1,380.84
Family (Student, Spouse/Partner & Two or More Children)	\$1,827.18

Housing

Baylor does not have private housing facilities or dormitories. Most students live in apartments, condos, or houses located near the Texas Medical Center. Please refer to [housing information](#) and [life in Houston](#) for additional resources.

Computers

The DNP Program requires students to own a laptop that can be used in class and for electronic examinations. You are also required to bring a laptop to DNP Orientation as we will begin exploring online course materials. Please note the [minimum system requirements](#) for laptops.

Nursing License

All BSN-DNP Students must maintain a current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse issued by the Texas Board of Nursing, or a state participating in the Nurse Licensure Compact, at all times while attending Baylor College of Medicine. If you have renewed your license since submitting your application, please bring a copy of your new license to the DNP Student Orientation. If you do not currently have a Texas Professional Nursing License, or a professional nursing license from a state participating in the Nurse Licensure Compact, you must immediately apply for a Texas nursing license. If you need to apply for a Texas license, please do so through the [Texas Board of Nursing](#). We encourage you to begin this process immediately as it may take up to several months to obtain a license. If you are unsure about whether you need to apply for a Texas nursing license, please contact [Dr. Jim Walker](#) as soon as possible.

All MS-DNP students must maintain a current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse, hold authorization/licensure as an APRN from their state of residence, and hold current certification/recertification as a CRNA. If you have renewed your license or certification since submitting your application, please bring a copy of your new license/certification to the DNP Student Orientation.

AANA Membership

All students are required to maintain current membership in the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

- BSN-DNP students will complete the membership form during the first week of classes. Students will be required to pay the registration fee online via credit card (\$200).
- MS-DNP students are required to bring copies of their membership cards to DNP Student Orientation.

Veteran's Benefits

The Office of the Registrar assists active duty service members, veterans and their eligible dependents and spouses in obtaining their educational benefits and acts as a liaison to the regional VA office to process enrollment certifications. For more information, contact the [Office of the Registrar](#).

Name Changes

If your name has changed since your acceptance to Baylor College of Medicine, you must submit a [Name Change Request](#) and appropriate documentation to the Office of the Registrar after matriculation.

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Please let us know if we can provide further assistance to you. See you soon!