Congratulations on your admission to the 2020 cohort of the Master of Nursing (MN) program here at the University of Washington Bothell School of Nursing and Health Studies!

Now is the time to celebrate your admission to one of the top-ranked master of nursing degree programs in the nation as you join our network of graduates (ranked #4 in US News and World Report).

We recognize that graduate school is a big commitment. We are here to support you in any way possible. After celebrating your acceptance and considering our offer, take advantage of ways to learn more about the program and the School. Additionally, reflect on how starting graduate school will affect your life – career trajectory and goals, your current work as a professional, finances, workload, possible relocation, family, life of a graduate student, new opportunities, etc. Once you are ready to accept, we will be ready to support your success in the program. Feel free to contact the graduate program advisor, Celinda Smith at cesmith3@uw.edu or at 425-352-3530 for questions. You can also schedule a phone or in-person appointment using our online scheduling system.

In the meantime, we'd like to highlight some important information to aid you in preparing the MN program.

**Respond to the offer**
The deadline to respond and pay the non-refundable deposit is in your admission letter.

To **accept** the offer of admission, log back into your MyGrad **online application** and follow the prompts. As part of the acceptance, set up your UWNetID and pay the $250 deposit to hold your space. **The deposit is applied to your first quarter of tuition.** For assistance, reference the [Instructional Guide](#) and/or the [Online Help Center](#).

If you need to **defer** the offer of admission, let us know as soon as possible. If you **decline** the offer of admission, you will be asked to take a short survey.

**About your UW netID, email and MyUW**
Your UW netID is your personal identification for the UW network and for accessing administrative applications and on campus computers. Instructions for set up are available in MyGrad.

- Your student email is your “netID@uw.edu”
- Your MyUW is your personal portal to UW. Once you've created your UWNetID, go to any [UWB page](#) to log into your MyUW (top right corner).
- Questions? Contact [help@uw.edu](mailto:help@uw.edu)

**Complete the remaining admission steps**
Once you’ve accepted the offer, you must complete the following three admission requirements:

1. **Complete the MN program’s background check**
   Using our online verification agency, CastleBranch, complete the following background check-[UH82bg: Initial Background Check](#). The current fee for this is $54.00.

2. **Complete the UW MMR requirement**
   All students must complete the [UW MMR requirement](#).

3. **Submit an official transcript**
   This is typically the transcript for your BSN degree or the most recent bachelor degree. Use the submission instructions provided on the Application Status Page in MyGrad. When the Graduate School has received and verified your transcript, MyGrad will be updated (which may take several weeks).

   - If you are currently in progress with another degree, **wait** to submit your transcript until your degree statement has posted on your transcript.
   - If your degree is from the University of Washington, you do **not** need to submit a transcript.
Important upcoming activities and dates
Looking ahead, familiarize yourself with the University’s academic calendars and plan for upcoming dates and deadlines and the program.

- **Complete the Intro to Graduate School:**
  Complete the UW Graduate School Intro to Graduate School; U501. It's a self-paced online orientation.

- **Sign up for an Academic Advising and Orientation:**
  Select a date and time for an academic advising and orientation session. Select either an in-person or Zoom (video-conferencing) session. Up to three students in each session.

- **Explore the new student Resources Canvas Site which** will be available mid-May. It includes detailed program and planning for the start of graduate school to reference during your academic advising and orientation session.

- **Check your MyUW mid-June** for your fall quarter registration access time.

- **Attend the Program Welcome Reception on September 25th,** from 9:00-1:30 pm at UW Bothell in building UW1, room 211.

- **Start classes** Friday, September 30th at 8:30 am.

- **Stay in touch with the graduate advisor** as needed.

Paying tuition and fees
Familiarize yourself with the tuition, fees and additional program costs and review the additional cost considerations which include recommending that you have a laptop for use in the program. The MN tuition and fees are assessed at the Graduate Tier II level. Tuition and fees are due the third Friday of each quarter. For more information, visit the UWB tuition and fees page. You will also find information on how to pay tuition including using the UWB short-term loan program.

Fall quarter classes and beyond
All MN courses are hybrid meeting every-other-Friday between 8:30-3:30 pm with some extended non-curriculum activities until 5:30 pm (such as technology workshops, career sessions, etc.).

- View the in-person course dates on the MN current student web page.
- You will use Canvas to complete self-directed activities during the online weeks
- View course descriptions and the curriculum grid of coursework on the MN current student web page Note: The part-time schedule (11 quarter completion) will be forthcoming.
- You do not need to decide if you want to go three-quarter time or part-time at this time. If you decide to start part-time, you'd start with BNURS 501 only.

Registering for fall quarter
Fall registration begins the end of June. Your registration day and time will be posted in your MyUW. You can view the University Fall Time Schedule of coursework using the UWB Time Schedule under the School of Nursing and Health Studies, Master of Nursing (BNURS).

Paying for graduate school
- Financial Aid: US citizens and permanent residents are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA in order to be eligible for loans. Financial aid is automatically assessed and awarded at 5 credits for part-time programs.
- As program funding permits, students may apply for scholarships in their first year of study.
- Other funding support services include the following:
  - UW Graduate Funding Information Services
  - UW Graduate School's list of funding resources
  - UW Graduate School diversity funding opportunities
  - UW Bothell Merit Scholarship, Fellowships, Awards
  - UW Bothell’s Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
  - King County Nursing Associations and the Graduate Student Nursing Academy
  - Mary Mahoney Professional Nursing Organization
  - The School of Nursing and Health Studies links to funding
  - UWB loans and short-term loan program

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International students
Request I-20/DS 2019 form and work closely with the UW Bothell Center of International Education International Student Advisor for the MN program; Jen Kim at jruvner@uw.edu. The CIE office will assist you with relocation information, CPT opportunities, visa requirements, etc. The MN advisor will work with you to design a credit load that meets your visa requirements.

Getting involved and utilizing additional resources
Explore the UW Bothell student support services which include a Career Center, IT, Disability Support Services, the Writing Center, and much more. You also have full access to UW Graduate School services and resources.

- Visit the MN Current Student Webpage for a list of Graduate Level Student Life Resources and Professional Associations; in particular the UW GO-MAPS and Core Programs.
- School of Nursing and Health Studies Student Association: nhssa@uw.edu
- Become a fan of the School on Facebook! www.facebook.com/uwbnursing/
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Program support services and getting around campus
As you get ready to start the program, staff are ready to provide support and answer your question. The graduate program advisor for the MN program’s name and contact information is below along with other general get-to-know us resources.

- School of Nursing and Health:
  Located on the 2nd floor of UW1 in suite 211, 425-352-5376, uwnhs@uw.edu  www.uwb.edu/nhs

- MN academic advisor
  Celinda Smith  cesmith3@uw.edu 425-352-3530
  Schedule an individual in-person or phone appointment

- MN research librarian
  Julie Planchon-Wolf jspw@uw.edu 425-352-3452
  http://guides.lib.uw.edu/bothell/nursing

- MN current student materials, information and resources www.uwb.edu/mn/currentstudents

- School Leadership, faculty, staff mission values and accreditation www.uwb.edu/nhs/about

- Map & Directions to UW Bothell with parking information www.uwb.edu/visitors/directions

Moving to the area?
There are a number of neighborhoods close to campus that are worth considering. A few of these include Bothell, Everett, Mill Creek, Lynwood, Kirkland and the greater Seattle area. Please visit our Relocation Guide on the MN Admitted Student web page to assist in your relocation.