

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES

Overview

The Office of Admissions and Student Services (OASS) facilitates recruitment, application, admissions, and matriculation of nursing students at the Baccalaureate and graduate levels. This office also provides information to prospective applicants, represents the school at recruitment/career events, provides pre-admission counseling, and conducts unofficial transcript evaluations for prospective applicants, provides public service/information services for local media as requested, supports the admissions process for all academic programs in concert with Baccalaureate and graduate committees; coordinates orientation for Baccalaureate and graduate programs, career plan development and ceremonial events such as commencement, supports student organizations, and provides other support services for enrolled students, administers the school's scholarship distributions, and is responsible for maintaining student service related records. The Student Success Center located in the office provides academic support resources for all students enrolled in the School – including supplemental instruction, personal tutoring, peer mentoring, scholastic writing assistance, and academic coaching. The OASS is also responsible for facilitating access to other campus services for students, such as financial aid and counseling services, in support of achievement of student outcomes and is staffed by an Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services, a Director of Admissions and International Programs, a Assistant Dean for Academic Enhancement, two Academic Success Coaches, a Program Coordinator, two Senior Admissions Officers, and two Administrative Assistants.

Student Success Center

Embedded within the Office of Admissions and Student Services is the Student Success Center. The Center offers a variety of student services, programs, and facilities that are available to help students to transition successfully to their professional environment and receive maximum benefit from the total nursing school experience. The Student Success Center provides students with a full spectrum of academic support beginning with first semester mentoring and continuing with academic preparation for their licensure exam after graduation and throughout their advanced graduate work. Most of the services are located in a centralized center in the School of Nursing. Included in the services provided are academic coaching, supplemental instruction, personal tutoring, peer mentoring through learning communities, scholarly writing support, financial literacy, and academic skills workshops that are narrowly-tailored to address specific academic and non-cognitive deficiencies faced by students.

Another student support service managed by the Student Success Center is the Starfish online student progress tracking system. This online system, recently implemented in May 2017, connects students to faculty and staff, as well as academic and student success oriented resources within the School of Nursing. Starfish also allows students to contact or schedule appointments with their faculty, academic coach, personal tutor, supplemental instruction leader, peer mentor, or other student success staff. In addition, Starfish allows for collaboration between the Student Success Center and the Office for Academic Affairs to ensure that identified at-risk students receive the appropriate academic support and resources more efficiently.

Mission Statement

The Office of Admissions and Student Services is committed to providing positive experiences in a collaborative environment that benefit prospective and current nursing students.