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Welcome to the Practical Nurse (PN) Program at NorQuest College!

The discipline of nursing has evolved significantly from its roots in the home as family caregivers, to a professional discipline with its own knowledge based, educational standards, and regulatory bodies. Today, more than ever, the role that nurses play in delivering quality health care is significant and necessary. Nurses are considered the backbone of any health system and we look forward to supporting you as you start your nursing journey.

The PN Program staff are committed to providing you with positive learning experiences that will help you become a professional practical nurse. Through a mixture of theory, lab, and clinical courses designed to build upon each other and enhance your knowledge and critical thinking, you will learn both the science and art of nursing needed to give high-quality care. The program will be challenging, but through your hard work and dedication these challenges will only better prepare you to meet the needs of your clients and make a positive impact on the health care system. Your instructors and the College will be there to support and guide you each step of the way.

One of the major keys to student success is ENGAGEMENT:

1. Engagement with content
2. Engagement with instructors
3. Engagement with other students

In order to help you get engaged, please complete the following Practical Nurse Program orientation activities:

1. Read through the NFDN 0000: Orientation and Information Course
 - [Click here](#) to access the NFDN 0000 course. Once you click on the link, you will need to log into Moodle and then click on the self-enrolment button on the NFDN 0000 course page.

2. Please see the attached *PN-Orientation Scavenger Hunt 2020-2021* document for the scavenger hunt form. All of the answers can be found on the NFDN 0000 Moodle course page. Attend the Practical Nurse Program Q&A Online Session on **Monday January 4th, 2021 at 1000am MST.**
- This Q&A session will be held virtually through Blackboard Collaborate (BBC) Ultra, which is NorQuest College's video conferencing platform. The Q&A session BBC Ultra link can be found by [clicking here](#) or by clicking on the link in the NFDN 0000 Moodle page under the *New Student Q&A Session Module*.
 - If you unable to attend the live Q&A session, you will be able to post your questions on the NFDN 0000 *New Student Q&A Forum*. The session will be recorded. More information about how to access the recording can be found on the NFDN 0000 Moodle page under the *New Student Q&A Session Module*.

We look forward to working with you over the next few years. Congratulations on taking the first step toward your future nursing career!

Sincerely,

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