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Welcome Class of 2020!

We are delighted to welcome 103 of our newest Villanova Nurses to Driscoll Hall and the College of Nursing. The Class of 2020 represents 17 states plus Nicaragua. Among the freshmen are two Presidential Scholars, two recipients of Naval ROTC scholarships and one recipient of an Army ROTC scholarship. The students have met their faculty advisors and have started their *Introduction to Professional Nursing* course as well as their arts and sciences courses.

We also welcomed graduate students beginning their studies toward the next phase of their nursing career as nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, and nurse educators.

An exciting semester awaits!

My career: My externship at the Rehab Institute of Chicago



This past summer, senior Emily Ocwieja worked at RIC where she enhanced her nursing education by working in an innovative rehabilitation setting.

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The College of Nursing has launched a Twitter account [@VUNursing](#). Parents, alumni and friends of the College are welcome to follow us in the Twittersphere for the latest news and events!

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Graduate and Adult Learner Open House - Tuesday, October 18

Our [Fall Open House](#) is an opportunity to learn more about the Graduate Programs you've been thinking about, including master's and post-masters tracks in nurse anesthesia, nursing education and primary care NP (family, pediatric, adult-gero), as well as DNP and PhD programs. Representatives from our second degree BSN and online RN-BSN programs are also available in addition to College representatives who can assist transfer students. Meet nursing students, talk with faculty and hear more about your future education. [See our session schedule and register online today](#)--your application fee is waived with attendance.

Dr. Linda Maldonado's mission for the health of mothers and babies



Linda Maldonado, PhD, RN, wants to empower Latina mothers through her research. Why is the assistant professor – an expert in maternal-child health – concerned about their welfare? “We know that of all the Latina subgroups, Puerto Rican women have the poorest maternal/fetal outcomes,” she notes.

“I am examining how Latinas, particularly childbearing Puerto Rican women, are negotiating multiple roles of caring for older family members, their own children, and themselves during pregnancy while living in an

urban setting (Philadelphia),” Dr. Maldonado says, adding “How these stressors, over time, affect their maternal/fetal outcomes is one of the foundational questions I am asking.” Her goal is a patient-directed solution to counter the high rates of missed prenatal care and thereby preventing the poor outcomes in this population.

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CE: Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting



If you are a mandated reporter of child abuse with a license in Pennsylvania, consider our latest CE program. This course is approved by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and complies with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs continuing education requirements for

healthcare professionals. Completion of this course will award two contact hours of training in accordance with Act 31 of 2014 entitled “Child Abuse: Recognition and Reporting” that took effect January 1, 2015.

This course is appropriate for all healthcare professionals.

[Read more](#)

Need your contact hours? See our full listing of CE offerings.

Upcoming Events

**Oct
18**

[October 18](#)
Graduate and Adult Learner Open House

**Oct
20**

[October 20](#)
Sustainable Careers Panel

**Nov
21**

[November 21](#)
38th Annual Distinguished Lecture: Nursing Leadership and a Culture of Health

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