

## Fall 2017 BSN Cohort Report

My name is Nicole Giddens and I am the cohort president for the Fall 2017 BSN cohort. I feel that the cohort has approached the beginning of this semester with much anticipation and preparation. During our first class of the semester, two speakers from the career center gave a presentation over resumes, cover letters and interview tips, which was extremely helpful and definitely set the tone for the semester. In our Integrated Clinical Concepts class, we have been encouraged to assess our learning styles and past study techniques to determine if there is a necessity to integrate new ways of engaging with the material. In addition, we have been reviewing maternity nursing material and pharmacology concepts. Our practicum placements are not anticipated to be officially assigned until around the middle of February, however, the students are aware of the need to be patient and flexible. I am currently in the process of coordinating a time for our cohort composite pictures. I have also arranged for a representative from the Hurst NCLEX review program to come and give a presentation to the cohort in early February. Finally, many students have chosen to participate in the TeamSTEPPS training program which fulfills some practicum hours, further improves communication and teamwork skills, and functions as a great resume booster.

Sincerely,

Nicole Giddens