Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of-class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Career Paths

With the development of new technologies and the integration and expansion of these tools throughout all levels of health care, professionals with focused training and experience in Informatics are increasingly essential to health care organizations.

Careers

There is steady job growth of informatics positions in health care. Graduates of the Nursing Informatics Certificate Program obtain positions within various organizations including:

- hospitals and health care systems
- public health agencies
- consulting firms
- health care product or technology vendors
- home health agencies
- managed care or insurance companies
- government and military health care settings

A comprehensive understanding of information systems and applications is essential for nurses interested or currently working in management and leadership roles in health care.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Baccalaureate-educated Nurses may want to consider pursuing an advanced nursing degree with a specialization in Nursing Informatics. Professionals with graduate degrees that include the essentials of Nursing Informatics can explore job advancement opportunities as information officers, health systems analysts, IT training managers, and project managers. Nurses with this background are highly competitive for roles in nursing leadership within a variety of health care organizations.

Professional Resources

- American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) (https://www.amia.org/programs/working-groups/nursing-informatics)
• Nursing Informatics Working Group (https://www.amia.org/programs/working-groups/nursing-informatics)
• Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) (http://www.allianceni.org)

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