New Freshman Information

- Mission and Vision Statements of the SDSU School of Nursing (SON)
  - **Mission:** “[To] enhance and improve the health and well-being of the people of California and beyond. The School of Nursing prepares nurses and scholars to lead and transform nursing care in a rapidly changing, diverse and complex health care environment through academic excellence, professional practice, and strong community partnerships. The school is enriched through its diverse student population.”
  - **Vision:** The SON “is committed to developing innovative, practice-relevant leaders through collaborative partnerships to improve health.”

- NCLEX pass rates: 2018-2019 = 97.39%

- 2020-2021 Admission statistics
  - 5,841 applications
  - 351 students offered admission
  - Median GPA = 4.21
  - Median SAT score = 1430
  - Median ACT score = 32
  - Median Eligibility Index score = 4,798

- First year information
  - 4-year curriculum
  - Freshman year = prerequisites, preparation for the major courses, GE courses
  - Nursing courses begin second ("sophomore") year
  - Reliable transportation to get to clinical assignments needed for second year (public transportation is not reliable enough)
  - Budget approximately $1500 for “start-up costs” (books, supplies, scrubs, Kaplan Review, etc.)

- Retention Policy
  - Progress in the nursing program is dependent upon completion of preparation for the major and nursing courses each semester. Students will not be permitted to progress to the next semester until preparation for the major and nursing courses are completed from the previous semester. Students who meet any one of the following criteria will be dropped from the program: (1) earn a grade of C- (1.7) or below in two nursing courses; (2) earn less than the required grade for two prerequisite courses; (3) earn a grade of C- (1.7) or below in one nursing course twice or below the minimum grade required in one prerequisite course twice. Continuation in good standing in the nursing program is contingent on students following the defined plan of study. Student failure to follow the plan of study may result in either removal from the program or an extended time frame for program completion. – 2020-2021 General Catalog, page 384.

- International Experience required of all undergrads in CHHS
  - Ideal time for “passport experience” trip (9-21 days depending on time of trip) is “junior” or “senior” year.
  - Budget approximately $3000 for trip, although some programs may cost more or less.

- FERPA: Begins for a student when he or she turns 18 years of age or enrolls in a higher education institution at any age.
  - School officials, including academic advisors, are not allowed to share educational information with parents, without the explicit consent of the student.