Dear Student,

Welcome to the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. I’m pleased to share an exciting opportunity with you as a member of the incoming Traditional 2012 class.

Johns Hopkins School of Nursing (JHSON) is one of 10 schools chosen by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NSCBN) to participate in a landmark national study exploring the role of simulation in prelicensure clinical nursing education.

The study examines the use of simulated clinical experiences as a replacement for a portion of the time spent in traditional clinical education. Participation in the study will last for two years, from Fall 2011 through graduation in May 2013. Participants can also volunteer to continue in the study for an additional year as a newly licensed practicing nurse. Everyone who signs up for the study will receive free access to ATI Nursing Education resources, including study guides, printable materials, and practice tests.

What is simulation?

“Simulations help you think like a nurse,” our students report. An actual simulation experience involves the use of a high-tech, sophisticated computerized manikin for students to practice skills, such as conducting patient assessments, performing nursing interventions, communicating with patients, families, and other healthcare team members, and making clinical decisions while in an environment where a mistake will not harm a patient. As part of the study, simulations that you participate in will be led by qualified faculty members who have received over 50 hours of training.

How can you be a part of this study?

More information will be available at orientation, August 23-26, but if you choose to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form before classes begin. If at a later date you decide not to participate, you may leave the study at any time. Questions? Join us for a live webcast with members of the study team and current students who have already completed simulation experiences. The first webcast is scheduled for Friday, July 15 at 3 pm.

You can visit www.nursing.jhu.edu/simstudy to learn more about the study, watch videos about simulation, and hear testimonials from current students, and be sure to check your mailbox for the Summer issue of Johns Hopkins Nursing magazine for a feature on Harvey, the School’s newest manikin.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I am co-director of the study and I’d love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

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