

UPAC Agenda

December 13, 2023

8:45 AM -10:00 AM

Welcome: UPAC Co-Chairs

8:45 am to 9:00 am: **Religious Studies for Health Professions major:** Caitlin Bryan & Dr. Kristy Slominski

- B.S Religious Studies for Health Professionals
 - Study health and communication through a religious lens
 - Does not focus on the study of religion.
 - Teaches students human element of health care and their decisions.
- Requirements:
 - 4th semester language
 - M Stand of math
 - 30 units of science coursework (can be completed by minor/double major)
 - Health concentration requirement (9 units required)
 - Can make it their own through wide options of health/religion electives.
 - Courses are open to all students (no major restrictions)
- Student after admitted in Spring 22 can use 15 and 160 level courses within the major (often can be general education courses)
- 15 units can be shared with a double major, if approved
- Currently only offered for main campus students
- Contact:
 - Dr. Alison Jameson (Faculty) – ajameson@arizona.edu
 - Dr. Kristy Slominski – slominski@arizona.edu
 - Caitlin Bryan (advisor) – cabryan@arizona.edu

9:00 am to 9:15 am: **College of Nursing Entry Programs:** Brandie Drobot, Libby Frino, Luke Connelly

- Entry Programs
 - Ranked within the top10% in the U.S
- Support Services:
 - Writing Coach, Academic Success Coach, Academic/Admission Advising, Clinical Compliance, and scholarships
- College of Nursing Pathways:
 - Pre-nursing major to apply Nursing school, once completed students complete the NCLEX Exam, once passed, become a nurse!
 - BS degree is non nursing major, apply for MEPEN (Master of Science in Nursing), take NCLEX exam, once passed, become a Nurse!

- Entering the BSN Program:
 - 1st and 2nd year: complete nursing requirements and general education
 - 2nd year: apply to BSN competitive process.
 - Admission requirements:
 - Prerequisite GPA, Cumulative GPA
 - HESI Entrance Exam
 - Experience
 - Virtual interview
 - If students are not admitted, students can reapply to program as many times as they would like or complete any BS degree and apply to MEPN program.
 - Junior/Senior year: if admitted, 4 semesters of theory, skills, clinical
- Entering MEPN
 - 1st year and 3rd year: 8 semesters of general education, nursing prerequisites, LD/UD major coursework
 - Graduation: MEPN competitive admissions process
 - Admission requirements:
 - Prerequisites GPA, Cumulative GPA
 - HESI Entrance Exam
 - Experience
 - Virtual Interview
 - Post-Bacc Year: if admitted, 4 semesters of theory, skills, clinical
- Pre-Nursing Major:
 - Pre-nursing major does not guarantee admission in BSN
 - Pre-nursing students receive regular updates and additional support.
 - All majors can meet with an advisor in nursing and discuss degree requirements.
 - Pre-nursing major requirements:
 - Incoming 1st year students:
 - 3.75 unweighted HS GPA for direct admission
 - Transfer students and current UA students:
 - 3.4 transfer GPA or UA GPA
 - Nursing Pre-requisite GPA include the following:
 - ENGL, Chemistry, Nutrition, Lifespan Development, Stats, Human Development/Physiology, Microbiology, General biology
 - These ENGL and biology requisites are not required for MEPN
- College of Nursing Program:
 - BSN (Conventional):
 - 2-year timeline to complete
 - Up to 64 TUC admits!!
 - BSN (Integrative Health)
 - Accelerated program (15-18 months including summers)
 - Admit in Fall, Spring and Summer,
 - Admit 72 students every Fall, Spring and Summer

- 9:15 am to 9:30 am: **Fostering Success:** Dani Carillo

- Program Overview: Built for all unique students (mainly undergraduate students), for those who have experience foster care, housing insecurity, and unaccompanied youth to provide resources and community to help promote success.
 - Focus on skill building:
 - How to live on your own
 - Financial skill Building
 - Academic skill building
 - Provide employment opportunities on and off campus.
- Fostering Success has overall 94% first year retention rate.
- Challenges that these students face are often trauma focused, lack of support system, and academic preparedness, therefore providing that support with the transition to higher education is necessary.
- Partnership between on campus and off campus resources for students to be embraced within the community to help fill in the gaps that these students need.
- How can you help:
 - Referring students (warm handoff through an email)
 - fosteringsuccess@arizona.edu
 - include the student in the message and help us understand why the student is being connected to us based on what you know (with the student's permission to share with us first).
 - Read monthly newsletter to stay up to date with program details.
 - Subscribe: https://trellis.tfaforms.net/72?tfa_4=7016R000001ZE8Y
 - Attend BN (basic needs) Coalition meetings.
 - <https://arizona.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=7016R000001ZE8Y>
 - Subscribe to the Basic Needs email list for updates and ways to get involved: https://trellis.tfaforms.net/72?tfa_4=7016R000001ZEW
 - Sending supplies through Amazon Wishlist
 - Send basic needs supplies:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30T9C7XLM23X0?ref=wl_share
 - Send supplies for students to use while they are in our office (like food):

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/376F8MF9P54AV?ref=wl_share

- Send school supplies:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GEGP4R94NBO7?ref=wl_share

- Contact:
 - Dani Carillo, danicarrillo@arizona.edu
 - Anna Vindiola, avindiola@arizona.edu

9:30 am to 9:40 am: **Vertically Integrated Project (VIP):** Dr. Kevin Bonine and/or Dr. Martha Bhattacharya

- VIP Essential Characteristics:
 - Led by faculty on topics related to their research (often multidisciplinary).
 - Multi-semester opportunities
 - This opportunity expands the peer mentoring program vs the standard 1 on 1 model.
- VIP experiences involve all students of any degree.
 - About 41 teams actively engaging in research which includes about 240 students
- Colleges that offer VIP:
 - CALS, CAPLA, ENGR, FINE Arts, Ischool, Medicine, Nursing, Optical Sciences, Public Health, Science, SBS, Honors College
 - Please connect your college to get involved with VIP
- Feedback from Advisors to overcome challenges:
 - Challenge 1: How to advise students to get involved in VIP research regardless of major
 - Challenge 2: Advice on types of experiences that would be of interest to your students for creative art and design opportunities.
- VIP is a great opportunity for students who want to get involved in research but are unsure how.
- Contact:
 - <https://uavip.arizona.edu/>
 - <https://undergraduate.arizona.edu/undergraduate-research>
 - Martha Bhattacharya (Faculty) - marthab1@arizona.edu
 - Kay Orzech (Coordinator) - kcmcelvee@arizona.edu

9:40 am to 9:50 am **UAIR - Strategic Advising Dashboard Refresh:** Ashley Hurand

- A new tool to provide important information to gather data for various populations on campus to best support advisors and advisees.
- Strategic advising dashboard for the advising community to collect data efficiently.

- Goal is to improve performance for ease of use with heavy emphasis on training and data literacy.
- Timeline:
 - Early 2023: workshops with advising community for feedback.
 - Jan 24: finalize dashboard development.
 - Feb 24: release beta version for advising community.
 - Mar – May 14: advising community used dashboard and provide feedback.
 - Summer 24: full release of dashboard with appropriate training and data literacy.
- Contact: Ashley Hurrand

9:50 am to 10:00 am **Wrap Up Announcements, High Fives, Introductions:** Nicole Gonzalez

- Advisor Celebration Thursday 12/14 9am – 11am in BASC 468

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Join us virtually, link to join via ZOOM: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86081282420>

- Please virtually log in with your first and last name so we can track your attendance :)

UPAC Co-Chairs for 2023-2024 school year

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*To request to present at a future UPAC meeting, please email the UPAC Co-Chairs

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***UA Advisors can send relevant emails to the UPAC listserv by emailing:
UPAC@list.arizona.edu

Do you have a new elective course to announce? Use our new [Elective Course Announcement Form](#)! See the results [here](#). **REMEMBER:** This is only an advising tool and should not be shared directly with students. The schedule of classes remains the official listed of course information.