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# KIRKHOF COLLEGE OF NURSING

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER



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## ACADEMIC ADVISING

Your academic advisor is available to address your schedule questions, discuss application requirements, direct you to campus resources, and talk about opportunities at Grand Valley.

*Phone, virtual, and in-person appointments in Allendale and Grand Rapids are available through the Winter 2024 semester.*

[Schedule an Appointment](#)



## ADVISOR'S ADVICE



## Mackenzie Ware

**Academic Advisor in KCON**

**Major:** BS in Psychology, M.Ed. in Higher Education

**Hometown:** Zeeland, MI

**Favorite GVSU Memory:** Study abroad in Nicaragua!

**My Advice:** Exams will sneak up on you at the beginning of the semester! Use these exams to gauge your study habits in the class and make adjustments as needed. If first exams don't go as you would have

hoped - don't worry! Take this opportunity to meet with your professors during office hours to see how you can adjust. Professors always have great study strategies and study tips for understanding the material. This may also be an opportunity to utilize GVSU's tutoring and reading center for free assistance.

And of course, if you aren't sure what next step to take or are feeling overwhelmed with your current course load - make an appointment with your academic advisor!

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# NURSING APPLICATION

## HOW TO PREPARE: MONTHLY TIP

The application consists of four components: (1) GPA, (2) Student Profile, (3) Personal Statement, and (4) Interview. The Interview will occur after you submit the other three components, so you should have time to prepare in advance.

The best way to prepare for an interview is to practice answer questions! Anticipate your responses to questions about your experiences, your motivations for pursuing nursing, and your background and academic preparation.

Expect behavioral-based questions that are phrased like "Tell us about a time that you..." and be prepared to discuss relevant situations, activities, and experiences!

Don't hesitate to ask a friend, family member, or staff member to help you prepare by asking you sample questions. GVSU's Career Center offers simulated mock interviews specific for the nursing application (see below).

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# INTERVIEW RESOURCES

[Big Interview](#) - [Schedule a Simulated Interview Appointment](#) - [Work Like A Laker Podcast](#) - [Virtual Interviewing](#) - [CareerLab](#)

**GVSU CAREER CENTER**  
STUDENT AFFAIRS

**Click to view our interview prep resources!**

**Big Interview**  
Record yourself in practice interviews

**Schedule an Appointment**  
Log into Handshake to schedule a simulated interview appointment with an advisor

**Work Like A Laker Podcast**  
Get tips on interviewing from professionals

**Virtual Interviewing**  
+ Advice for the virtual workspace

**CareerLab**  
Drop in for virtual assistance with interviewing. No appointment necessary.

The infographic features a central icon of a person at a computer screen. It is surrounded by five hexagonal callouts in different colors: blue (top), yellow (left), dark blue (bottom-left), green (bottom-right), and red (right). The GVSU Career Center logo is positioned at the top right of the infographic.

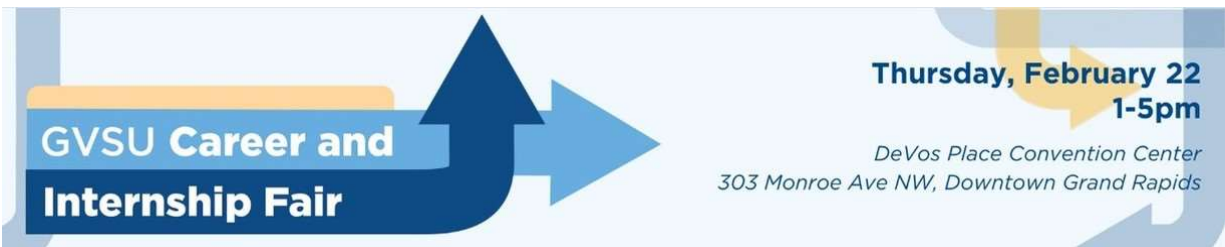
**GETTING INVOLVED &  
GAINING EXPERIENCE**

## GET INVOLVED

Looking for ways to get involved in your community or gain healthcare experience? Check out these resources to find opportunities:

- [GVSU Events Calendar](#)
- Login to [Laker Link](#) and join organizations like Pre-Nursing Association, Student Nurses Association, Graduate Student Association, and other service & advocacy groups on campus.
- Check out the [Community Service Learning Center](#) website for volunteer and service opportunities.
- Log in to [Handshake](#) and search for jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

Find more opportunities online here



## CAREER FAIR

The Winter Career & Internship Fair is an excellent place to kick off your job or internship search, or to begin networking with organizations looking to hire Grand Valley students and alumni of all majors! 230 employers with thousands of immediate openings are expected to attend.

Attend the Career Fair to:

- Meet with employers to discuss full-time position
- Learn about available internships and co-op
- Build your professional network and expand your job search

Check out [the Student Preparation website](#) for helpful information to get ready for the fair.

Click here for additional informaiton



Mary Free Bed  
Rehabilitation

# Health Care Career Seminar



Is a health care career in your future?  
Join us to learn more and explore career  
opportunities at Mary Free Bed.

#### WHEN

Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 6 – 7:30pm

Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 3:30 – 5pm

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 6 – 7:30pm

#### WHERE

Mary Free Bed Professional Building  
Meijer Conference Center  
350 Lafayette Ave.  
Grand Rapids, MI

#### DISCOVER CAREERS IN:

- Speech-language Pathology
- Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Recreational Therapy
- Social Work
- Nursing
- Neuropsychology

Mary Free Bed staff will share information on  
education, salary, field outlook, what to expect in a  
typical day, and more!



To register, email us at  
[volunteer@maryfreebed.com](mailto:volunteer@maryfreebed.com)  
with the name of school you're currently attending  
and the vocation you're interested in.

You must be 16 years or older to attend.

[maryfreebed.com/careers](http://maryfreebed.com/careers)

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# FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Continue searching for scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year NOW. The majority of scholarship deadlines fall between **February 15th and May 1st**

- Sign in to the [myScholarships](#) database to search all GVSU-specific and external scholarships. *The keyword "nursing" will bring up all nursing-specific scholarships.*

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## FINANCIAL AID

If you have questions about covering the cost of tuition for the next academic school year, don't hesitate to reach out to the [Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship](#) or [Student Accounts](#) to learn about your opportunities:

### Financial Aid & Scholarship

[finaid@gvsu.edu](mailto:finaid@gvsu.edu)

616-331-3234

### Student Accounts

[studenta@gvsu.edu](mailto:studenta@gvsu.edu)

616-331-2209

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# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## WINTER SEMESTER DATES

**February 2 by 5:00 PM** - 75% Tuition refund deadline

**February 2 by 5:00 pm** - Credit/No Credit deadline

**February 19 through 23** - Midterm evaluations

**February 27 by 12:00PM** - Midterm grades due from faculty

**February 29** - Midterm grades available to students

**March 3 through 10** - Spring Break

**March 22 by 5:00 PM** - Withdraw with a "W" grade deadline

## TUTORING RESOURCES

Schedule an [individual 50-minute tutor session](#) for classes like BIO 120, CHM 109, CHM 230, BMS 250, STA 215, PSY 101, BMS 212, and more!

You can also use [drop-in tutoring](#) availability for the following departments:

- Biology
  - Biomedical Sciences
  - Chemistry
  - Statistics
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## HELPFUL WORKSHOPS

### **Drop-in Coaching for Time Management**

February 6

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Kirkhof Center Lobby

### **Study Strategies for Midterms**

February 15

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Kirkhof Center 1142

### **Drop-in Coaching for Time Management**

February 20

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Kirkhof Center Lobby

### **Drop-in Coaching for Time Management**

February 27

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

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[Click here for more information](#)

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