



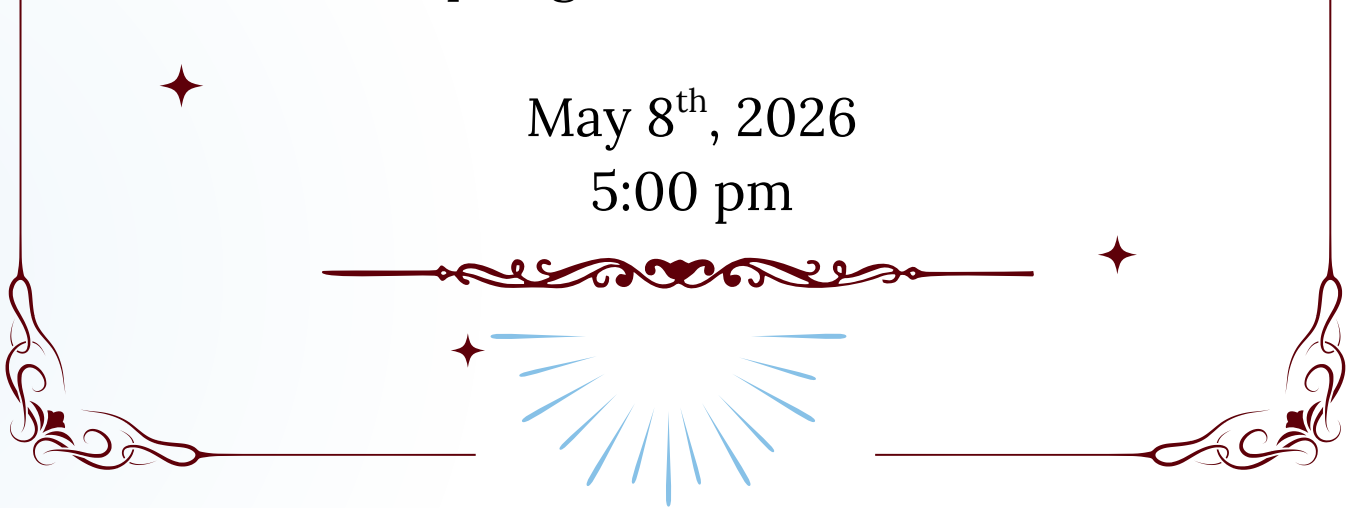
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SCHOOL of
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PINNING & AWARDS CEREMONY

Class of Spring 2026

PSU Theatre
1110 E. Madison St.
Springfield, MO 65897



May 8th, 2026
5:00 pm



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DIRECTORS

Kathryn Patterson, DNP, FNP-C
Director, School of Nursing

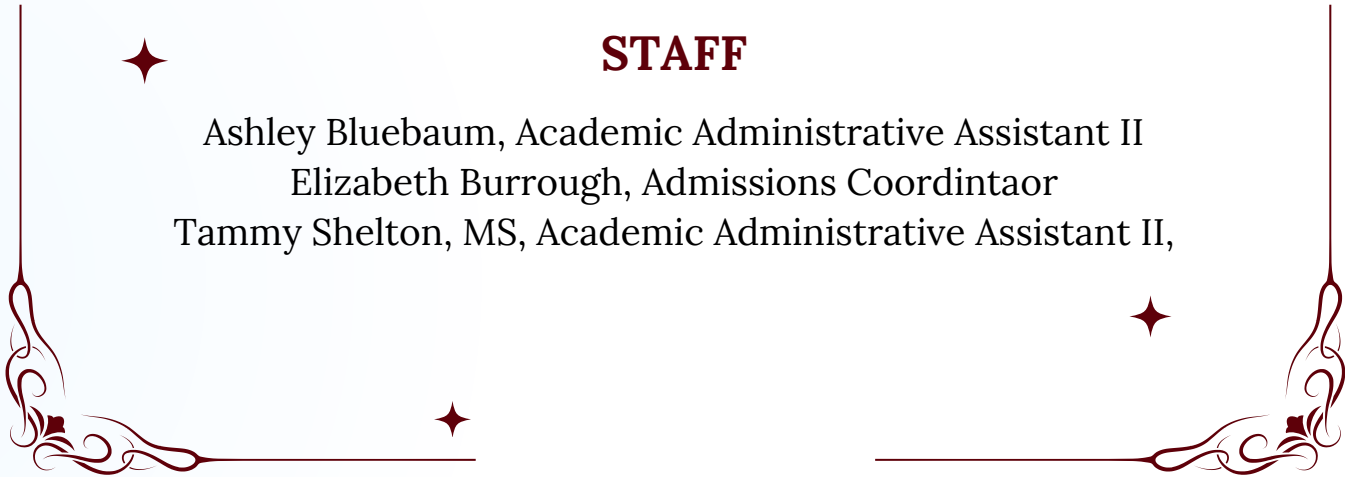
Alison Alaimo, MSN, RN, BA
Undergraduate Program Director

Rebecca Johnson, MSN, RN
Undergraduate Program Director

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Hailey Wecker, MSN, RN



STAFF

Ashley Bluebaum, Academic Administrative Assistant II
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Tammy Shelton, MS, Academic Administrative Assistant II,

PROGRAM

Welcome.....Dr. Kathryn Patterson
Opening Remarks.....Dr. Mark Smith, Dean, MCHHS
Faculty Introductions.....Alison Alaimo
Pinning History.....Alison Alaimo
BSN Student Speaker.....Alexis Buckner

PINNING AND DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Introduction of Students.....Maria Shade
Awarding of Pins.....BSN Faculty
Student Nursing Organization.....SNO Executive Board
CRNA Interview Recipients..... Dr. James Keaton
Award Recipients..... BSN Faculty
International Nursing Pledge..... Dr. Kathryn Patterson
Closing Remarks..... Dr. Kathryn Patterson

STUDENT NURSE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Dillon Newell, President
Ashley Turner, Vice President
Gracelyn Carver, Secretary
Katharina Baumgarter, Treasurer
Morgan Hart, Social Chair
Kate Snider, Social Chair
Afton Riggs, Pre-SNO Liaison

Faculty Advisors

Alisha Jones	Morgan Nemeth	Sarah Rinaldi
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The Missouri State University Nursing Pin was redesigned by the School of Nursing faculty in 2022. It honors many key characteristics designed by the previous faculty in 2005. This pin remains with a round edge and maroon circle with the words **Missouri State University** embossed in gold lettering across the top edge, a lamp with a candle on each side of the pin with the added inscription, "School of Nursing", around the bottom edge.

The center of the pin remains a white background with a Caduceus symbol embossed in gold located directly above the BSN letters, with the wording, "Dedicated to Excellence", at the lower edge of the pin center.

The symbol of the lamp with a candle on the outer edge pays tribute to Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing. During the Crimean war (1853-1856), she was sent to the frontlines to take care of wounded soldiers and she carried a lit lamp while caring for injured soldiers. The Caduceus is associated with nursing and healthcare; the nursing sign is a staff covered in two twisting snakes topped with angel wings. This is the symbol most frequently associated with nursing.

The BSN letters signify completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The BSN curriculum prepares students for work within the growing and changing healthcare environment. Completion of the four-year BSN degree provides the educational and experiential base not only for entry-level professional practice but also as the platform on which to build a career through graduate-level study. This degree also qualifies nurses for the widest range of positions in the nursing field.

Finally, the MSU School of Nursing motto, "Dedicated to Excellence", completes the pin.

GRADUATING CLASS OF SPRING 2026

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

Haylee Ancell#+

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Alysa Pendergraft#+

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Madie Hardin#+

Trinity Reed#+

Forrest Barnes#

Elizabeth Harris

Brady Roberts#

Gabriella Becker#

Megan Hartman#

Sophie Ruffini#+

Brianna Black#+

Brady Hinton+

Cadence Sackuvich#

Regina Bouche

Allison Hoefle#+

Jackson Schmoeger#

Allene Brass#+

Joanna Hoffpauir#

Trinity Schupp#

Emma Brown#+

Zoey Hurst#+

Grace Simkins#^

Madelyn Brueckner#+

Kaden Jemes#>^

Madelyn Songer#

Genevieve Buchanan#

Peyton Jewell#+

Suzannah Thompson#

Alexis Buckner#*+

Bailey Jinkens#+

Meredith Tran#

Amanda Cleary#+

Kennedy Jones#*+

Natalie Tucker#

Makenna Davis#

Sydney Kessel~#+

Alyssa Watters#

Brenden Duff

Jacob Little^

Mia Weiler#

Erin Eshleman#+

Daniela Lopez+

Addie Wright*+

Lindsay Ficken

Karen Maturino+

Andi Wright#+

Faith Flores#+

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#University Honors
*SNO Board Member
+Active SNO Member
^Sigma Theta Tau
>Oncology Nurses Society

Hallie Fratus#

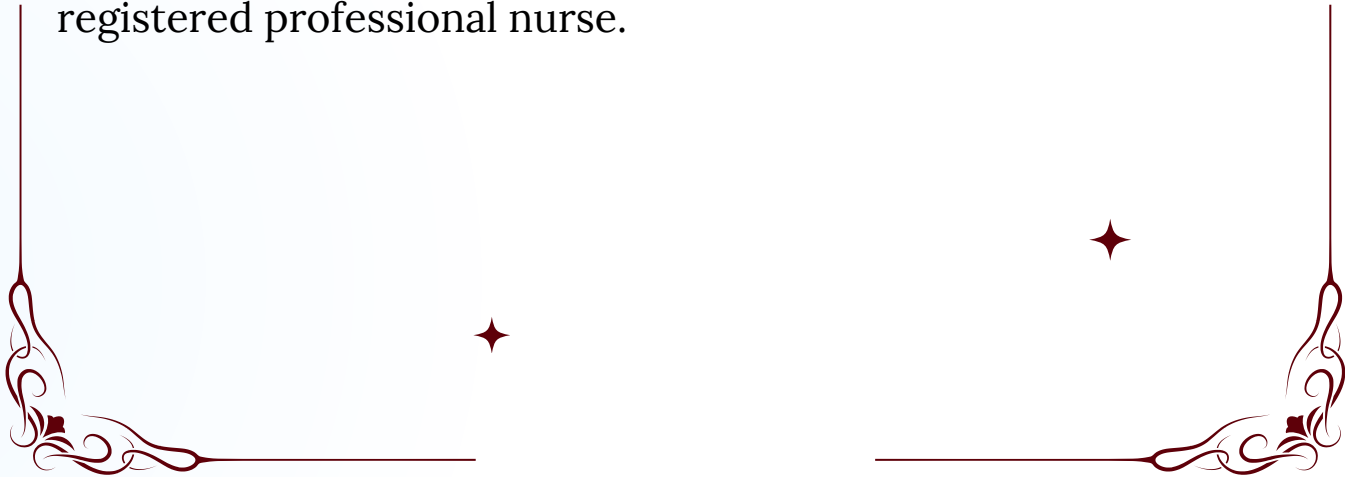


INTERNATIONAL NURSING PLEDGE

In full knowledge of the obligation I am undertaking, I promise to care for the sick with all the skills and understanding I possess without regard for race, creed, color, politics or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering and to promote health.

I will respect at all times the dignity and religious belief of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me and refraining from any action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skills at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.



 **I will** do my utmost to honor the international code of ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the registered professional nurse.