



White Coat Ceremony



February 28, 2025
3 p.m.

Seton Hall University • College of Nursing
Bethany Hall, South Orange, NJ

Program



Invocation

Reverend Colin Adrian Kay

M.Div. '05

Vice President for
Mission and Ministry

Opening Remarks

Kristi J. Stinson

Ph.D., R.N., APN

Interim Dean
and Associate Professor

Liturgy of the Blessing of the Hands

Reverend Colin Adrian Kay

Blessing of the Hands

Reverend Colin Adrian Kay

White Coat

Ceremony Oath

Linda J. Ulak

Ed.D., R.N.

Associate Professor and
Program Director
Accelerated B.S.N. Programs for
Undergraduate Department

Keynote Speaker

Dorothy Carolina

Ph.D., R.N.

Assistant Clinical Professor Director
Nursing Administration and Executive
Nurse Leadership Program

Academic Integrity Oath

Kimberly Conway

Ph.D., RN-BC, C.N.E.

Chair Undergraduate Programs
Associate Professor

Alumni Remarks

Dorothy Lee

Director, Volunteer and Strategic
Engagement

Closing Remarks

Kimberly Conway

Benediction

Reverend Colin Adrian Kay

Master of Ceremony

Elizabeth McDermott

Ph.D., M.A.

Assistant Dean for Student Success
for Undergraduate Department

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Congratulations

*To all the students
participating in this ceremony!*

**Traditional
B.S.N. Program**



Accelerated B.S.N. Program
Freehold Campus



Accelerated B.S.N. Program
Nutley Campus

Blessing of the Hands



God of healing, wholeness, and holiness:

These nurses reflect your glory
In ability and knowledge
In passion and compassion
In strength and tenderness.
We ask you to watch over them,
To give them your Spirit,
To strengthen them in the practice
of their profession
And to be for them a source
of hope and joy.

We pray that as they work to cure,
Speak to instruct or soothe,
And touch to heal body, mind, and spirit
and to improve the health of our community
with your love and power that they may be
renewed, blessed, and fulfilled.

Enable them to –
Show Respect for others
Act justly toward all
Be Compassionate at all times
Care for the Needy
and Bring Healing and Wholeness to
all those entrusted to your care.

Lay your strong and gentle hand upon them,
Now and always, Amen.

*White Coat Ceremony
Oath*



As a Nurse dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services, I solemnly pledge that I will:

Consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns;

Act in compassionate and trustworthy manner in all aspects of my care;

Apply my knowledge, experience and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients;

Exercise sound professional judgment while abiding by legal and ethical requirements;

Accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence;

Promote, advocate for, and strive to protect the health, safety, and rights of the patient.

With this pledge, I accept the duties and responsibilities that embody the nursing profession.

I take this oath voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

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*Academic Integrity
Oath*



I pledge to uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity in all of my actions as a student nurse at Seton Hall University College of Nursing, and to act in accordance with the College of Nursing Academic Integrity Policy. I will be truthful in every action and assignment.

I reject incivility, bullying, dishonesty, cheating, fabrication and plagiarism. I will take responsibility for my actions in the classroom, laboratory, and in clinical settings.

I will take every action possible to promote a culture of integrity in my courses, classes and in the College of Nursing. Understanding the unique and profound responsibilities of the profession I am entering; I also pledge to act in accordance with the integrity standards that are formalized in the Code of Ethics for Nurses.

I will protect the health, welfare and privacy of my patients. I will reject behavior and conduct that does not reflect the personal qualities required of a professional nurse.

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History of the White Coat Ceremony



The White Coat Ceremony is the oldest, and most well-known, program of the Gold Foundation. The Arnold P. Gold Foundation established the White Coat Ceremony in 1993 at the Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons as a way to emphasize humanism in medicine at the very start of medical education.

In 2014, recognizing the vital role nurses play in the healthcare team, the Gold Foundation partnered with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to adapt the ceremony for nursing.

While it may take different forms, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of humanistic patient care, defined as compassionate, collaborative and scientifically excellent healthcare, early in nursing training and professional identity formation. More than 450 schools of nursing have participated and the number continues to grow.

About the College of Nursing



Seton Hall University College of Nursing
offered the first baccalaureate
nursing program in New Jersey in 1937

The graduate program was established
in 1975, the Ph.D. Program in 2006 and the
Doctor of Nursing Practice program
in 2009.

The College of Nursing's mission is to
educate baccalaureate prepared generalists
and advanced practitioners of nursing who
aspire to be innovators and leaders in
the nursing profession.



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