

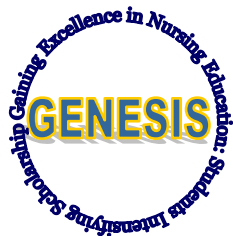
BEST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is BEST?

- Best (*Boot Camp for Entering Students Training*) is a comprehensive two-week residential camp for newly admitted and new transfer students into the UM School of Nursing Undergraduate Program.

What are the benefits of being a BEST participant?

- BEST students learn life changing strategies for achieving a highly successful academic career.
- BEST students are matched with a School of Nursing Faculty, Upper Level Graduate Student and/or UM Alumni to support them throughout their nursing education.
- BEST students exemplify leadership through their academics and in their community.



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Boot Camp For Entering Students Training

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MISSION OF BEST



BEST Boot camp for *Entering Students Training* is an intensive pre-entry program for newly admitted and new transfer students to the University of Michigan Ann Arbor School of Nursing (SON). BEST's mission is to provide a seamless transition for students into the

SON. The program design is to provide a blueprint for students to achieve academic success. Students are also introduced to the curriculum and the numerous possibilities of a rewarding Nursing career.

PARTNERSHIP OF THE GENESIS II PROJECT AND THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

The GENESIS II Project *Gaining Excellence in Nursing: Students Intensifying Scholarship* is funded through the **HRSA Workforce Diversity Program**. One of the primary goals of the Workforce Diversity Program is to increase the number of persons from underrepresented populations in the Nursing Profession. The GENESIS II Project in conjunction with the School of Nursing, is committed to contributing to the success of this initiative and accomplishes this goal through BEST and the GENESIS Scholars program.

PARTICIPANTS OF THE BEST SUMMER BOOTCAMP

Participants of the BEST Summer Program must meet (1) of the following criteria (as defined by the GENESIS II Project for underrepresented populations):

- Educationally or Economically disadvantaged
- Underrepresented Race or Ethnicity in Nursing
- Health Professional Shortage Area
- Medically underserved area
- Rural Community



BEST SUMMER PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

BEST students reside on the U of M Ann Arbor Campus for two-weeks and engage in intense workshop sessions, including: (several listed below) and much more...

- Learning Styles Preferences
- Study Skills Assessment
- Time Management
- SON Compliance Requirements
- Nursing Curriculum
- Nursing Research
- Nursing in Action
- Test Anxiety
- Cultural Competency
- On-Campus Resources

BEST & GENESIS SCHOLARS AT THE U



As a participant of the BEST Summer Program, students will be granted priority in the GENESIS Scholar selection process. GENESIS Scholars qualify for all aspects of the GENESIS II Project including: Scholarships & Stipends, Mentoring, and Peer Facilitated Study Groups.

SCHOLARSHIPS & STIPENDS

GENESIS Scholars train to be leaders within the SON as well as their own communities. They have an opportunity to attend nursing professional development conferences/seminars, and engage in community service learning experiences. GENESIS Scholars are eligible to receive scholarships of up to \$7,000 or stipends of \$3,000/academic year.

MENTORING

Students will be assigned a University of Michigan School of Nursing Faculty and/or Alumni that will serve as a mentor. BEST mentors will guide their students through the completion of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The mentor/mentee relationship is focused on tapping the unlimited potential of the student mentee and enhancing their success in nursing.

PEER FACILITATED STUDY GROUPS FOR BEST STUDENTS

GENESIS II Scholars and BEST students are encouraged to participate in Peer Facilitated Study Groups (PFSG) and have first placement. PFSG are open to all nursing students and are designed to address the most challenging courses of the SON Curriculum. PFGS are offered each semester and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, interested students must register to participate in a PFSG no later than the second week of classes.