

White Coat Ceremony

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

September 19, 2023

4:30 p.m.

McBride Auditorium
Allen College
1950 Heath Street | Waterloo, Iowa



Allen College

UnityPoint Health

Program

Welcome/Opening Remarks

Dr. Jared Seliger, PhD, CNMT
President

Remarks

Kendra Williams-Perez, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE
Dean and Professor, School of Nursing

Speaker

Randy Cornelius, DNP, CRNA, ARNP
Allen College Alumnus

Coating Ceremony

Jennifer Coleman, ARNP, MSN, CNE
Assistant Professor

Suzanne Gettman, MSN, AANP, CNE
Associate Professor

Lisa Jurgensen, MSN, RN, CNE
Assistant Professor

Ashley Ollendieck, DNP, MSN, RN, CNE, CHSE
Associate Professor

Student Speaker

Ashley Ridenour
Graduating Class of December 2023

Nursing Pledge

Closing Remarks

Anna Weepie, DNP, MSN, RN, CNE
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Nursing Program and Professor

Class of Summer 2024

Seth Anderson

Alma Berbo

Brett Bobinet

Chloe Conlan

Natalie Gerstein

Thomas Hanson

Olivia Hobson

Treyton Jacobsen

Gage Johnson

Emily Keeler

Stiven Parmley

Medha Patel

Mary Saito

Jenna Schott

John Schweers

Madison Sebetka

Lauren Steinhart

Alissa Teferi

Renee Wallace

Cassidy Wedemeyer

Emily Wuertzer

Nursing Pledge

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 a 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 judgement 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 pledge voluntarily, with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

History of the Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony is designed as a rite of passage to emphasize the importance of compassionate patient care at the very start of training. In addition to reciting the oath, students come forward during the ceremony to be “cloaked” before family and friends in the iconic white coat that signifies their status as healthcare professionals.

The White Coat Ceremony was initiated in 1993 at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Arnold P. Gold, MD, a Columbia professor, believed that the oath to compassionate patient care taken by new physicians at the end of medical school came too late. Today, nearly every medical school in the United States, hundreds of nursing schools, and many other health profession schools participate in this tradition of humanistic care.