## YEAR PLAN

### MSU SRA Nursing

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OFFICE OF THE NURSING CAUCUS LEADER INTRODUCTION

Dear Members of the Assembly and fellow nursing students,

Welcome to the SRA Nursing 2021-2022 year plan! To start off, I would like to express my sincere thanks for being given the opportunity to represent you. I am excited to continue bridging the gap between nursing students and the McMaster Students’ Union (MSU) in this upcoming year.

This year plan includes goals that focus on collaborating with the McMaster University Nursing Student Society (MUNSS), increasing social media engagement for SRA Nursing, improving the Health Sciences Lounge, and introducing a peer support network for nursing students. This year plan also includes long-term planning that focuses on increasing volunteer engagement for MSU Services.

With that said, I look forward to new challenges that the SRA Nursing Caucus Leader position will bring and appreciate your support in this role! Please reach out to me at [sranursing@msu.mcmaster.ca](mailto:sranursing@msu.mcmaster.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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SRA Nursing Caucus Leader

**Goals**

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| Objective 1 | Collaborate with the McMaster University Nursing Student Society (MUNSS) to improve the university experience through exciting academic and social opportunities |
| Description | MUNSS is a student organization that represents over 2,000 nursing students from McMaster University, Mohawk College, and Conestoga College in the Basic, Accelerated, and RPN-BScN streams. The former SRA Nursing Representatives have previously worked together with MUNSS for various events including the Nursing Career Fair, Nursing Formal, Nursing Games, and more. |
| Benefits | * Stronger relationships with the MUNSS President and Executive Team * Increased support, resources, funding, and outreach for events * Increased community spirit among nursing students from McMaster University, Mohawk College, and Conestoga College in the Basic, Accelerated, and RPN-BScN streams |
| Difficulties | * The MUNSS Executive Team create year plans later * The MUNSS Executive Team has unfilled positions |
| Long-Term Implications | The new SRA Nursing Representatives will continue to work together with MUNSS in future years. Nursing students will be able to attend events that reflect their interests. |
| How? | * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings * Communicate with the MUNSS President and Executive Team * Organize successful events throughout the academic year |
| Partners | * MUNSS President * MUNSS Executive Team * MUNSS Faculty Advisors |

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| Objective 2 | Increase social media engagement for SRA Nursing |
| Description | The social media platforms for SRA Nursing include Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The social media platforms for SRA Nursing have low engagement compared to other similar pages. |
| Benefits | * Increased online presence of SRA and MSU * Increased awareness of SRA and MSU * Increased transparency of SRA and MSU |
| Difficulties | * Lack of interest from non-MSU members * Changing social media trends among nursing students   + Facebook ↓   + Instagram ↑   + Twitter ↓ |
| Long-Term Implications | Nursing students will have a better understanding of what the SRA and MSU do. The social media platforms for SRNA Nursing will no longer be overshadowed by the social media platforms for MUNSS and McMaster Nursing Welcome Week. |
| How? | * Post updates on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Hold giveaways on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Start the Nurses of McMaster initiative again * Reach out to the MUNSS Communications Team and McMaster Nursing Welcome Week Social Media Coordinator |
| Partners | * MSU Social Media Coordinator * MUNSS Communications Team * McMaster Nursing Welcome Week Social Media Coordinator |

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| Objective 3 | Improve the Health Sciences Lounge |
| Description | The Health Sciences Lounge is a multi-purpose room for breaks, meetings, and events. It is equipped with desktop computers, televisions, couches, desks, and basic appliances. Nursing students often do not use the Health Sciences Lounge. |
| Benefits | * Increased knowledge of how to access the Health Sciences Lounge * Increased connections with health sciences and midwifery students * Decreased overcrowding in the Health Sciences Library |
| Difficulties | * COVID-19 pandemic may limit access to the Health Sciences Lounge * Funding is difficult to estimate right now |
| Long-Term Implications | Renovations will increase the appeal of the Health Sciences Lounge to nursing students. MUNSS and other student organizations will be able to run events at the Health Sciences Lounge. |
| How? | * Create a survey to gain insight into nursing students’ perspectives * Promote the Health Sciences Lounge and its improvements * Host a grand opening event for the Health Sciences Lounge |
| Partners | * SRA Health Sciences Representatives * MSU Associate Vice-President Finance * MUNSS Communications Team |

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| Objective 4 | Introduce a peer support network for nursing students |
| Description | Due to the limited size of the nursing program, nursing students may not know other nursing students who have similar career aspirations as themselves. The peer support network will include profiles of nursing students that can be filtered by clinical placements, electives, skills, level, and more. |
| Benefits | * Increased career exploration opportunities * Increased networking opportunities * Increased skill development opportunities |
| Difficulties | * Privacy concerns |
| Long-Term Implications | Nursing students will be motivated to share their valuable experiences with each other. Nursing students will feel confident in setting goals and preparing to navigate the competitive job market. |
| How? | * Create a sign-up form for nursing students to develop their profiles * Put information on the MUNSS website * Announce the launch of the peer support network |
| Partners | * MUNSS Education Team * MUNSS Communications Team |

**Long-Term Planning**

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| Overarching Vision 1 | Increase volunteer engagement for MSU Services |
| Description | Nursing students often do not get involved with MSU Services as volunteers. Nursing students will further benefit from MSU Services if their unique needs are highlighted by volunteers in their own program. |
| Benefits | * Increased leadership opportunities * Increased representation of nursing students in MSU Services * Increased knowledge of the MSU Services offered |
| Year 1 | * Post volunteer opportunities on SRA Nursing social media platforms * Reach out to the MUNSS Communications Team |
| Year 2 | * Discuss with MSU Part-Time Managers about strategies * Recognize volunteers through the Nurses of McMaster initiative |
| Year 3 | * Create a survey to gain insight into nursing students’ perspectives |
| Partners | * MSU Vice-President Administration * MSU Part-Time Managers * MUNSS Communications Team |

**Goals to Strive For**

List 5 things that you would like to have prepared for the beginning of September

* Complete transition into the SRA Nursing Caucus Leader role
* Build relationships with the Board of Directors and other SRA Representatives
* Build relationships with the MUNSS President and Executive Team
* Build relationships with the McMaster Nursing Welcome Week Planners
* Create a survey for nursing students to bring forward questions and concerns

List 5 things you would like to have completed during the fall term (1st)

* Build relationships with the McMaster University School of Nursing faculty members
* Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events
* Post updates and volunteer opportunities on SRA Nursing social media platforms
* Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects
* Submit written reports and present them to the Members of the Assembly

List 5 things you would like to have completed during the winter term (2nd)

* Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events
* Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing
* Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects
* Promote SRA General Elections and increase the number of candidates
* Submit written reports and present them to the Members of the Assembly

**Master Summary**

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| July | * Complete transition into the SRA Nursing Caucus Leader role * Build relationships with the Board of Directors and other SRA Representatives * Build relationships with the MUNSS President and Executive Team * Build relationships with the McMaster Nursing Welcome Week Planners * Create a survey for nursing students to bring forward questions and concerns * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Submit year plan and present it to the Members of the Assembly |
| August | * Complete transition into the SRA Nursing Caucus Leader role * Build relationships with the Board of Directors and other SRA Representatives * Build relationships with the MUNSS President and Executive Team * Build relationships with the McMaster Nursing Welcome Week Planners * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing |
| September | * Build relationships with the McMaster University School of Nursing faculty members * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events – TBD * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects |
| October | * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events – TBD * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects * Submit written report and present it to the Members of the Assembly |
| November | * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events – National Nursing Students’ Week * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects * Submit written report and present it to the Members of the Assembly |
| December | * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events – Exam preparation and de-stressing * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects |
| January | * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events – TBD * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects |
| February | * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events – Career fair * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects * Promote SRA General Elections and increase the number of candidates * Submit written report and present it to the Members of the Assembly |
| March | * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events – Nursing formal * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects * Promote SRA General Elections and increase the number of candidates |
| April | * Attend biweekly MUNSS Executive Team meetings and organize successful events – Exam preparation and de-stressing * Post updates and volunteer opportunities on social media platforms for SRA Nursing * Work on the Health Sciences Lounge, peer support network, and other projects |