Open Letter to Incoming Trinity College Nursing & Midwifery Students
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Dear incoming first year student,

Welcome to the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Trinity College Dublin. My name is Damien Brennan, I am the Director of Undergraduate Teaching and Learning at our school.

Congratulations on securing a place at our school, which is the highest ranked School of Nursing and Midwifery on the island of Ireland.

While the past six months have been an unprecedented challenge for us all, the response to this crisis by our clinical partners, our academic and administrative staff, and our student body has been one of solidarity, flexibility and professionalism. Our existing students have been innovative, caring and brave in their work across practice placements, and have proven themselves to be an exceptional group of people. I am delighted that you are able to join this student body in 2020.

Trinity College is a wonderful place to learn. Our School is a place where world leading academics are directly involved in undergraduate student education. Our research and teaching are focused on maximising the health of all in Ireland and providing quality care across a range of settings including Children’s Nursing, General Nursing, Intellectual Disability Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, and Midwifery.

While the course of the Covid-19 emergence remains unpredictable, we have put plans in place to ensure our programmes are sustainable and high-quality across a range of Covid-19 outcomes. Our curriculum entails a variety of theory/academic modules; mandatory clinical/care skills training; and continuous immersion in practice settings. During the coming year we will continue to deliver our undergraduate degree programmes as we have developed them, using online teaching and learning technologies to assist us during this time.

I am sure you will have lots of questions for us as you plan your personal arrangements for the year ahead. It is our intention to provide you with as much accurate and timely information as possible. To help with this, we have established an ‘Undergraduate Frequently Asked Questions’ section on our school web site. Prof Louise Doyle will be overseeing this and you can send questions to her at (louise.doyle@tcd.ie).

While the coming academic year will be in some ways different than usual, I am confident that the essence of the Trinity college experience will prevail. While our campus is the finest in Ireland, at its core, Trinity College is a community of people. It is my hope that over the coming years you will become part of that community.

I look forward to meeting with you during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Best regards,

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