November marked the publication of The Future of Nursing—a report that stemmed from a two-year assessment of the nursing profession initiated by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Institute of Medicine.

The report states that nurses should be equal partners with other healthcare professionals, fully engaged in the transformation of healthcare in the United States. Nurses should be able to practice to the full extent of their education and training. The profession should ensure better education, including residencies for nurses, and an increase in the number of bachelor and doctoral degrees. Effective workforce planning and policy making will require better data collection and information infrastructure.

Read a copy of the report at: http://tinyurl.com/2brusk
Now that Office 2010 has been in use at computer labs and classrooms for a few months, we’d like to hear your feedback and make sure we can answer any questions about Microsoft’s most recent version of the Office suite of programs. Please email 5help@columbia.edu with questions, problems and suggestions you may have, and let us know whether you’ve installed and are using it on your own computer. We’ll be putting up FAQs and answers to your questions on the CUMC IT web site very soon.

If you want to download the program go to the Software Downloads page at http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it/getting_help/software.html. There is no need to uninstall prior versions of Office, do keep in mind that any new version will overwrite earlier versions you may have installed. Be sure to review the system requirements linked on this page to insure that your computer can run Office 2010. Now is also a good time to figure out whether you’re using 32- or 64-bit computer if you don’t already know. To find out simply click the Start button in the lower left corner of your computer, then Control Panel – System and Security – System. The System Type title will list either 32-bit or 64-bit Operating System.

Though the interface for the latest version of Office is not drastically different, some menus and commands you’ve used in the past may have moved. Microsoft has online interactive guides to show you where menu and toolbar commands are located in Office 2010. Visit http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/support/redir/HA101794130.aspx, select the Office program and follow the instructions onscreen.

The latest version of Microsoft Office for Macintosh computers is now available via our Software Downloads page. It’s been getting great reviews for being faster and better designed than the prior version, Office 2008, and most users will find it more intuitive and visually appealing. 2011 integrates the Ribbon interface that Microsoft first unveiled in Office 2007. Support for macros is also back, a huge improvement for anyone used to this time-saving feature.

Go to http://www.microsoft.com/mac/how-to for help instructions or visit http://www.microsoft.com/mac/products/whats-new for new features. Please contact us by email with any questions or suggestions. For tips on using Office 2011, we’ll be posting FAQs on our web site soon.

Timothy Wu, who is credited with coining the term “Net Neutrality”, has a new book titled *The Master Switch: The Rise and Fall of Information Empires*. It studies corporations’ behavior after drastic innovations, and concludes that a clear pattern of control by business emerges once the dust settles around a new technology. What we don’t yet know about current advances is whether the de-centralized nature of the information economy can be controlled as easily. The author expertly examines attempts by today’s corporations and concludes that allowing the same kind of control is a risk we cannot afford to take. Not a light read, *The Master Switch* presents a great comprehensive and thought-provoking look at today’s big questions involving technology and business. http://timwu.org/