

TIPS FOR SUCCESS ~ For the FIRST semester:

Be aware of the fees required for uniforms, supplies, books, background check, health requirements, and standardized testing.

Attend Family Night with your primary support system. They will be able to meet faculty from the nursing program, see where you will be spending most of your time, and hear from faculty and students about the nursing program. We want them to be able to support you from the very beginning.

Time management skills - you will be in class or clinic up to 24 hours per week! You may find working is very difficult as you adjust to the rigorous schedule, especially if you have other obligations (family, children, etc).

Practice good study skills - classroom attendance is mandatory; you should be able to read for content, take notes, discuss material and organize your study time. If you feel you need help in these areas, we recommend taking a Personal Development course (College Survival Skills).

You will learn many clinical skills this semester. Practice skills/procedures and get signed off with your instructors as soon as possible. Do not be afraid to ask for help and do not procrastinate.

If you think you would benefit, join a study group (you know yourself—not everyone does well in a study group). Make new friends and get involved with your class. Many lifelong friendships have been formed during the first semester of nursing school!

Your 4th semester mentor is there to support you. They have been through everything that you are experiencing and may be able to offer wise advice. Reach out to them for support.

See your instructor for any questions, concerns or difficulties. The sooner you see them, the sooner you will receive help.

***Summary:** Most students feel that starting the nursing program is a huge adjustment. You must remain focused and goal oriented and you should have the support of your family/significant others. The nursing program also offers many resources so be sure to utilize them. You are not alone!*

COURSE SCHEDULE

Nursing 313/315

Lecture M/W (4.5 hours)

Clinic T/W or Th/F (15.2 hours)

There is a clinical Practicum at the end of Nursing 315, which you must pass.

Nursing 321 and Nursing 311

6 week courses on M or Th evenings
(3 hours)

Nursing 185 – Mondays (1 hour)