

TIPS FOR SUCCESS ~ For the SECOND semester:

All of the tips for first semester PLUS:

This semester is the foundation for medical-surgical nursing. There is a voluminous amount of reading required; keep up with the reading and do not get behind!

You will be expected to provide total care for 2 adult patients from the beginning of clinic. You should be competent with the skills that you have learned to this point.

You will be asked to apply what you have learned in theory to patient situations at the bedside (under the direction of your nursing instructor). This requires diligent preparation for clinical experiences. There will be an increased level of clinical write-ups required.

Utilize the supplemental electronic resources associated with your textbook to reinforce content and to practice test-taking strategies.

Utilize the Kaplan non-proctored tests to get practice in test taking strategies.

See your instructor at the first sign of difficulty. Do not wait.

A tutor is here weekly – he/she can help you understand material, assist with care plans, and offer useful advice for studying. A Skills Lab practice tutor is also available weekly who can assist with any clinical skill you are having difficulty with.

The time management techniques that you have practiced in the previous semester are essential. Working may be very difficult due to the volume and complexity of the material. If you do work, it takes careful planning and time management

***Summary:** Most students get overwhelmed by amount of reading in this semester and the increased expectations in the clinical area. You must have good time management skills, focus, and be able to prioritize what is important to you as you work to achieve your goals. Get a preview of what you will be studying in 2nd semester by reviewing the course syllabus and starting the assigned reading during the intersession. Attend relevant intersession reviews and be prepared to start off quickly.*

COURSE SCHEDULE

Nursing 323/325

Lecture M/W (6.8 hours)

Clinic T (12 h), Sat (12 h), T/W, or Th/F

***NOTE:** If 12 hour clinic, must attend 3 supplemental Simulation clinical experiences.*

***NOTE:** Clinical placement at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center requires Livescan for students.*

Nursing 185 – Mondays (1hour)