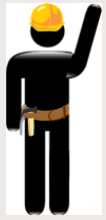
WHAT TO EXPECT IN NURSING

Clinical Classes



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Spring and fall admissions

Risk of over-committing

Nursing as a Calling

Sample clinical skills

Nursing Process

How your time is used

What instructors expect

NURSING AS A CALLING

To be a nurse is a calling that's difficult to describe in words. Who can say why a person would want to do a nurses work, but those who do will tell you there is nothing as fulfilling or rewarding. Nurses stay by the side of those they serve through the worst times and celebrate with patients and families in the best times.

NURSING CONCEPTS

- *Your Personal Learning Styles*
- *The kinds of learning specific to nursing*
- *How to think critically and holistically as a nurse*
- *The use of concept mapping to test your study effectiveness*
- *Nursing education success strategies*
- *Test-taking skills and control of test anxiety*
- *Mathematical skills needed for drug calculations*

ADN FALL AND SPRING ADMISSIONS

Classes will be offered in the morning and afternoon

Lab and clinical will be offered in the daytime, evenings and on Saturdays subsequent to availability of clinical faculty

There will be times that the clinical/lab will be late afternoon or during the day depending on the course

Four to five semesters to complete

Courses are sequential

LPN FALL AND SPRING ADMISSION

EASLEY CAMPUS ONLY

Fall Entry - Classes will be offered in the morning or early afternoon.

Spring Entry – Classes will be offered late afternoon or evening.

Lab and clinical will be offered in the daytime, evenings and on Saturdays subsequent to availability of clinical faculty

There will be times that the clinical/lab will be late afternoon or during the day depending on the course

Three semesters to complete

Courses are sequential

THE NURSING PROCESS

Involves

Assessment

Nursing Diagnosis

Planning

Implementation

Evaluation

LEARNING WILL BE DIFFERENT

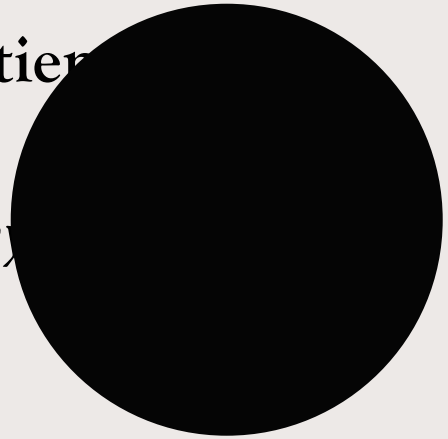
Learning!

- ***Memorization*** *and regurgitation of facts*

- ***Understanding*** *of how the facts work*

• **Application** of the Understanding to patie

- ***Positive attitudes and caring*** *alwa*



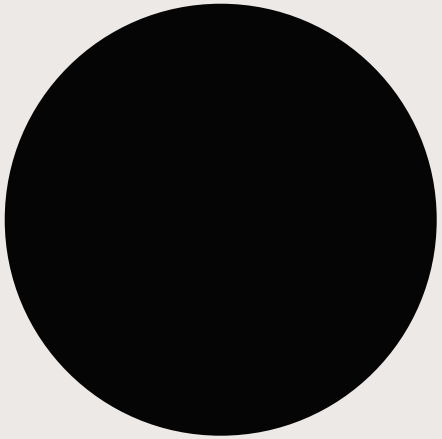
How will you spend your time?

It is very difficult to work full-time while in the Nursing courses

1st semester

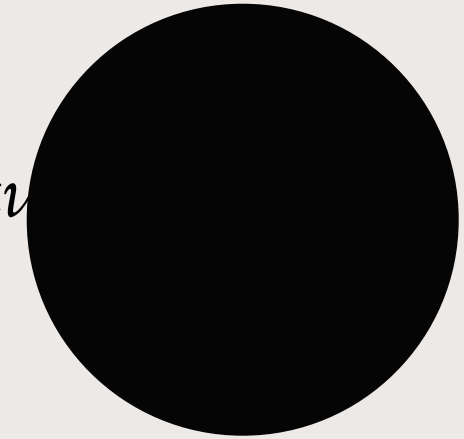
- *7 hours in class = additional 21 hours of study*
- *6 hours in clinical plus clinical prep*
- *May need more than 6 hours per week to feel comfortable with the skills*
- *6 + 21 + 6 + 6 = 39 hours*

Taking other courses like Biology???



OTHER WAYS TIME IS USED

- *Labs and online skill modules*
- *Studying and/or Remediation*
- *Math calculations*
- *Special demonstrations and lectu*



CLINICAL PREPARATION

Prepare for instructor discussion and questioning

- *patient charting*
- *pathophysiology and treatment*
- *a plan for nursing care*

ADN NURSING FIRST SEMESTER

Heart and lung sounds

Review of vital signs

Nasogastric/feeding tubes

Enema administration

Urinary catheter

Sterile dressing

Tracheostomy care

Administering medications

NUR 120 Basic Nursing Concepts

NUR 106 Pharmacologic Basics

SECOND SEMESTER ADN: NUR 121 AND NUR 162

Intermediate Nursing Concepts

Three hour class- 1x week

Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing

Go to hospital day before to get assignment

•Simulation lab

12 - 16 hours of clinical

Two hours lecture- 2x week

Simulation lab

Clinicals: 84 hours per semester

Head Start

DCEC

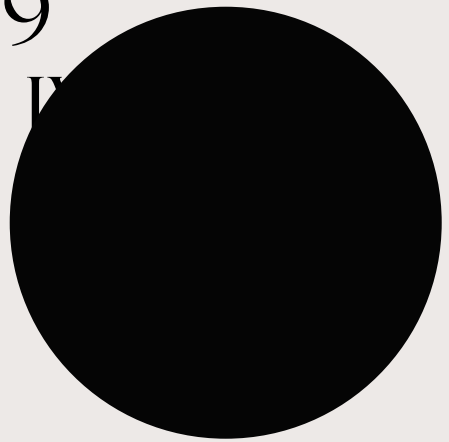
Special Olympics

OB Clinic

Pediatrics Clinic

Child Birth

THIRD SEMESTER ADN: NUR 229 NURSING CARE MANAGEMENT I NURSING ELECTIVE



ADN YOUR SENIOR SEMESTER

NUR 221-Advanced Nursing Concepts

14 week course

2.5 lecture hours 1 x week

Clinical hours vary each week (120 hours over six weeks with a preceptor)

NUR 230 – Physical Assessement

LPN FIRST SEMESTER

PNR 175 Practical Nursing Skills

- *Basic principles and beginning skills*
- *Psychosocial and Physiological Concepts*
- *Ethical and legal roles*

PNR 120 Medical/Surgical Nursing I

- *Beginning skills in utilizing the nursing process (assessment/diagnosis/interventions/evaluation)*
- *Special needs of the adult*

LPN SECOND SEMESTER

PNR 121 Fundamentals of Pharmacology

Medical administration

Dosage calculation

PNR 130 Medical/Surgical Nursing I

A body systems approach

PNR 140 Medical/Surgical Nursing II

Continuation of skills in utilizing the nursing process

LPN THIRD SEMESTER

PNR 154 Maternal/Infant/Child Nursing (OB & Peds)

- Study and observe childbirth
- Care of newborns
- Recognize developmental issues and common problems in children

PNR 181 Special Topics (NCLEX-PN Prep)

- Instructors assist students in studying for and applying for licensure

What Instructors Expect

We have extremely high expectations of our students who will be nurses

- *Arrive on time*
- *Be prepared*
- *Make a sincere effort*
- *Take responsibility*

CRITICAL SKILLS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Self disciplined

Sensitive to diversity

Reflective and self-corrective

Courageous

Flexible

Empathetic

IN SUMMARY

Students who are prepared for what to expect in clinical classes, can plan study time and family responsibilities

They can expect to make sacrifices for a nursing degree knowing what they are getting in return is a career that will give them many opportunities and rewards

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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