



SMART START – WINDSOR – YEAR 1

Dear nursing students,

Congratulations! You are officially a first year nursing student.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Clair College School of Nursing, we welcome you. The first year nursing program is an exciting time full of new challenges and opportunities to develop as critical thinking clinicians. We look forward to working with you towards the achievement of your professional and personal goals. Please note that the University of Windsor has reading week the week of October 12th, therefore there will be no scheduled classes that week.

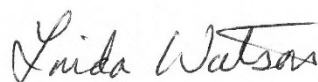
Enclosed is information for you with instructions to help you prepare for September 2020. Classes begin September 8th, 2020. Please utilize the St. Clair College – Nursing-BSCN website (<https://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/nursing-bscn>) to assist you in obtaining information and necessary documents to help you with your clinical clearance. This includes information for medical and nonmedical documents (eg; CPR, First Aid, mask fit, vulnerable sector police clearance). You must use the documents from our site. Please do not obtain your police clearance until **it is announced for Year 1 on the Collaborative Nursing Site.**

This year we will be having a Year 1 consolidation. Students will be in clinical 40 hours per week for 2 weeks in May 2021. Dates to be announced later. **Attendance for consolidation is mandatory, please do not schedule vacation or work during this time.**

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my personal wishes for your continued success as you prepare for a rewarding career in your chosen Nursing field.

Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,



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COLLABORATIVE NURSING PROGRAM

VALUES AND PHILOSOPHY

The faculty of the Collaborative Nursing Program are committed to developing high quality professionals to meet the health care needs of our community. Facilitating quality learning through knowledge attainment and skill development is our priority. This excellence is accomplished by having a supportive team who put student learning needs first. Teaching is supported by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) Practice Standards, including concepts of professionalism, safety, communication and use of the nursing process.

GETTING STARTED - ORIENTATION

Due to the COVID-19 virus all Year 1, Semester 1 classes will be online.

Orientation will take place for the Windsor site before the start of the Fall semester. Dates, times and venue to be posted at a later date on the St. Clair College home page (www.stclaircollege.ca). There will be an open session that will give you general information and a session that is more specific to the Collaborative Nursing Program. Attending orientation is highly recommended as we will provide an overview of the program and discuss topics such as schedules and expectations. This usually helps to alleviate the anxiety that you may be experiencing about attending university and a new program.

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❖ **Note-email is the preferred method of contact as I am not presently in the office to answer my phone**

ADDITIONAL DATES:

- **Classes begin:** September 8, 2020
- **Fall Reading Week-(2020)** Week of October 12th
- **Winter Reading Week (2021)** Week of February 15th
- **Consolidation-** (2021) 2 weeks in the month of May, Dates TBA

TEXTBOOKS

Required textbooks can be found in the Campus Book Store under their course codes. Should restrictions still be in place as a result of COVID-19, books will be available online through the Book Store website. All course materials needed will be available on their site.

Here is the link to the Windsor bookstore site. All books are searchable by course code and by ISBN.

Windsor: www.stclairwindsorshop.ca

The Campus Book Store is located on the first floor of the main building. Books will be available for purchase in August. Bookstore summer hours are: Monday – Thursday 0830-1530 and Friday 0830-1230: (519)972-2727 Ext. 2722. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.stclaircollege.ca/student-services/on-campus-services>

First Semester Courses:

NRS 1110: Professional Nursing 1
 NRS 1900 Writing for the Professional Nurse
 NRS 1210 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1
 NRS 1511 Experiential Learning Lab 1
 BIO 1073 Microbiology

UNIFORMS

Uniforms for Experiential lab will be needed for Fall 2020. Even though labs are virtual, you will be submitting videos to your lab instructor and must be in professional uniform.

A solid navy blue uniform (one) and solid white, black or navy blue, non-mesh shoes are required for your first semester clinical/laboratory. Clogs, “Crocs”, or plastic slip-on shoes are **not** acceptable. Uniforms are required to have “St. Clair College BScN Nursing Student” embroidered in white thread on the left upper uniform sleeve. Uniform brands that are consistent with the navy blue colour of the St. Clair College Collaborative Nursing program are “Cherokee or Dickies”.

Stores such as *Work Authority* have two locations at Walker and Tecumseh Road East and at Provincial and Walker Road on Walker Rd in Windsor. They do carry the brands listed above and will do the embroidery at a minimal cost to the student (approx. \$5.00). Purchases may be made in store or online. The change room is unavailable at this time in store. Please check their website as to times and online availability. <https://workauthority.ca/>

Students do not have to buy their uniforms at *Work Authority* although we prefer you buy “Cherokee or Dickies” because of the navy blue color. You may still have your embroidery done at *Work Authority* if you do not purchase your uniform there. Please note the cost will increase to \$ 15.00.

Lab coats will be needed **ONLY IF** we are on site for Anatomy and Physiology (A & P) labs in **winter**. Therefore, they are **not** mandatory for Fall 2020 as A&P labs will be online.

Students will require a wristwatch with a second hand for measuring vital signs and performing clinical documentation.

Consult the St. Clair College Student Information Manual (posted on Black Board (BB) under NURS 1511 for information on professional attire, jewelry, hygiene, tattoos, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Computers: Since all classes are online for semester 1, you will find that a computer is an important and necessary tool. **You will also need an internet connection that is dependable and consistent.** Computer labs at the St Clair College South Campus site may be an option if you are unable to obtain a computer, however there may be a limited number of students who can use the computer lab because of social distancing.

Stethoscope: You will need to purchase a good stethoscope for Semester 1 as you will be practicing vital signs for NURS 1511 (Experiential lab I). Expect to pay at least \$ 100.00 dollars for a suitable stethoscope. Maxim Medical in Windsor has stethoscopes for purchase. Often they do give discounts to students. Please bring your student ID with you. <https://maximmedical.ca/>

Lab Kits: These kits will be used during NURS 1511 (Experiential lab 1) and NURS 1521 (Experiential lab II). The following items are in the kits. Please stay tune for further information for how kits will be made available to students. Kits are paid for through your lab fees/tuition.

Health Assessment Kit (Semester 1)

BP cuff

Penlight

Wound Care Kit (Semester II-please keep these kits intact. Do not use until the lab in Semester II)

Dressing tray

ABD Pad

Non-woven 4x4 x 2

Sterile Saline (Squirt Bottle)

Transpore tape 1"

MediMeter

Measure Tape – 60"

Miscellaneous:

Consider your own organizational needs for course notes. Suggestions include: 1-4 large binder(s), note paper, binder dividers, 2 duotangs (any colour), highlighters, several black and red ink pens, HB pencils, erasers, "white out", pencil sharpener, 3 hole punch, simple calculator, small pocket sized notebook, 10 - 9 x 12 manila (brown) envelopes for assignment submission.

Attendance:

Regular class attendance is essential to the collaborative nursing student's success, regardless if it is an online or in class delivery. Collaborative nursing is a full time program that requires your participation in classroom lectures/activities, and in the clinical/laboratory setting. Missed time is only acceptable for sick or emergency reasons. Absences due to work, vacation or routine appointments are not considered valid reasons. In preparing for the fall semester, consider a "back up plan" for child care in the case of children's illness.

Students should schedule their work hours so that they do not interfere with their school/study schedule. Second semester, consolidation, and consecutive semester clinical hours will include both day, afternoon shifts (0630-2330) and possibly night shifts. There is also potential for weekday and weekend shifts for Winter 2021 and Consolidation 1.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

"Can I change my schedule?"

We do not change student schedules as a rule. Please make an effort to manage your work schedules, sports practice schedules, child care, or other home care issues on your own to avoid conflict with your nursing school schedule. . You will need to learn to adapt to the schedule presented to you. You must consider that it would require a great deal of effort EACH semester to tailor it to your specific needs.

"Can I apply for advanced standing?"

If you would like to discuss advanced standing for a previously completed university course (with a minimum grade of 60 %), you can book an appointment to meet with the year I coordinator at the beginning of the semester. Please obtain a copy of your official sealed transcript and course outline.

You will continue to attend the class as scheduled until you have been notified by the Registrar's office in writing that you have been granted advanced standing.

"Do I need an email address?"

Nursing students are to use their St. Clair College email address for all correspondence from within the college and from home. Faculty will not respond to personal email addresses.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Attend all your classes online or in class for your entire student career. Students are directed to complete readings **prior** to class! There are multiple strategies to discuss content or issues. Your instructors will identify and post preferences. **Check Blackboard and emails at least twice a day.** Blackboard courses are generally activated a week prior to the start of the semester

Be professional. Appropriate communication with Faculty, Laboratory Technicians, Peer Tutors, and classmates will demonstrate your interest and aspiration to be a professional.

There are multiple on site resources such as Student Services, Library Services, Tutor Services, and the Nursing Lab. These will also be available online. More information to follow regarding online hours. When booking times, please book in advance and cancel ahead of time if you cannot attend so that someone else may book the time slot.

Nursing Society Nursing Society is an excellent opportunity to learn and demonstrate leadership, and become involved with issues across the nursing programs.

COMMUNICATION

- Email communication is the preferred method of contacting faculty. Faculty will be back to work on August 24th2020. If you have any questions or concerns over the summer, please contact the Year 1 Program Coordinator, Gina Bondy (gbondy@stclaircollege.ca). If you are unable to reach the coordinator with a concern, please contact the Nursing Chair: Linda Watson at lwatson@stclaircollege.ca
- Instructors and faculty are permitted to answer emails received from students using their St. Clair College email address only. We are not permitted to respond to students who use personal email addresses.
- If you are having difficulty accessing your blackboard account or email, please contact the IT department at 519-972-2727ext. 2500.