

COLLABORATIVE BScN PROGRAM – THAMES CAMPUS Fall 2020 - Chatham

Welcome to Second Year!!

We hope your summer is going well. The fall semester is just around the corner so we wanted to give you some information about the fall so you can be prepared and know what to expect.

Contacts and Resources

Linda Watson remains the Chair of the School of Nursing at Thames. She can still be reached at 519-354-9100 Ex. 3233 or via email at lwatson@stclaircollege.ca. If you have any concerns, questions or issues please contact her. Michele Rice remains the coordinator for 2nd and 4th year hospital placements and can be reached at her email mmrice@stclaircollege.ca or 519-354-9100, ext. 3251. She is checking her messages on both periodically throughout the summer.

The nursing administrative assistant remains Linda Quick. She can be reached at 519-354-9100 Ex. 3244 or email lquick@stclaircollege.ca.

Schedules

Monday, September 7th is the Labour Day Holiday, so there are no classes that day. Please see the schedule of lab and classes for the first week of school below. A MANDATORY orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th 0900 – 1600 online through blackboard collaborate and Microsoft Teams (instructions will be posted on Blackboard). Attendance is absolutely necessary to enable you to go to clinical at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance this year. The hospital orientation is provided by online modules through blackboard. You will see a course entitled “CNCR 16F” on your list of courses. Please go into this course after August 1st. This course must be completed each year. Other online courses may be needed throughout the semester and instructions will be posted on Blackboard.

1. Choose “Placement Orientation Southwestern Ontario Hospitals” from the menu at the left
2. Read the instructions posted, then choose the “E-learning modules” folder
3. Read the instructions posted, then begin the first module. You will need to achieve an 80% minimum on each module. You have unlimited attempts achieve this passing grade.

You will not be able to attend the hospital clinical setting until you are successful with all modules.

Health and Safety modules must also be completed online with a successful mark of 80% for each. These all must be completed by Monday of the first week you are attending clinical, otherwise you will not attend until this is completed.

Please see the schedule below for the first week of classes. All theory classes will be online. Please see your individual course Blackboard site for more instructions

First Week of Classes:

Date Class

Tues. Sept 8 th No Classes scheduled

Wed. Sept 9th Clinical Orientation – online 0900 to 1600

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Check to see what section you are in to determine what clinical rotation you will be on. There will be seven clinical groups. Four groups (501 to 504) will be in lab Monday and Clinical Tuesday, and the other three groups (505 to 507) will be in lab on Tuesday and clinical Wednesday. Hospital groups will attend day (07 to 1400) and evening (1400 to 2200) shifts. All hospital clinical will be at the Chatham Kent Health Alliance. Please check blackboard for any last minute scheduling changes.

Please make the necessary arrangements to carpool/sleep over etc. for clinical days. Take the summer to get that organized.

Clinical Requirements for Year Two

Clinical clearance will be done at our Registrar's Office at the Chatham Campus. In order to receive a full clinical clearance you must bring your annually updated "Passport to Health" issued by the Health Centre Nurse (make an appointment early in the summer to obtain this) and all of your non-medical clearance items, which include: updated annual vulnerable sector police check, updated annual CPR BLS level C with AED (annual renewal is required regardless of the expiry date on the card) and your valid N95 mask fit (valid for 2 yrs). All of these items need to be presented to the registrar's office to obtain your clinical clearance. You must produce the original documents for inspection, they will not be kept.

If you have not received complete clinical clearance by the first day of clinical at CKHA you will not be eligible to go, there are no exceptions to this.

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Things to do over the summer

- Review your health assessments from NURS 1410
- Review medical terminology
- Review medication administration principles and medication classifications from NURS 1310
- Review personal care skills, bathing, turning, repositioning, toileting and transfers
- Review metric conversions, 24 hour clock and basic math skills that we did in first semester
- Review your math for meds. The following website has a good introduction to dimensional analysis for medication calculations. The site was created by a nursing student and is very easy to follow. You need to disregard her comment that you need 80% to pass your medication administration math test as in our program you need 100% to pass. One other thing is that she refers to calculations with grains (gr) you will not be doing any calculations with grains as the unit:
<http://www.alyson.org/dimensional/analysis.htm> . Read the introduction to the calculations and then take the little test posted. The real explanation of dimensional analysis happens in the section "Review the test with complete answers". We will review dimensional analysis on the lab day before you take your medication administration math test but this is a good start to review the concept. You will be

permitted to check your calculations with a calculator during the math test. If you are unsuccessful at achieving 100% on your first attempt at the math test you will be able to rewrite it as needed but you must attend math tutoring prior to retesting. You will not be able to give any medications in clinical until you are successful on this medication math test.

Have a wonderful, restful summer!