

Class 2021

Preparation Information for Senior Clinical courses

The senior year will be intense with clinical rotations and patient care. Students can expect to be in clinical 3 days a week; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Each clinical course is 4 weeks long and students will have 1 clinical course at a time. Students will need to pick up their clinical assignment the day prior to the start of the clinical experience to allow for preparation of patient care. Preparation for patient care is mandatory and lack of preparation may lead to dismissal from the clinical area. The clinical rotations will be scheduled during the day (generally **6:30am-2:30pm**) or evening (generally **2:00-11:00pm**) hours depending on what section students are assigned.

The clinical courses will have an instructor/student ratio of 1:8. Students should not be assigned to clinical units where they or close relative work or with an instructor that works on a unit where they work. The School of Nursing will send an e-mail to students requesting information on where they or close relative work to assist with our student assignment process.

Students are to register for section 010 of all clinical courses. The School of Nursing will move students to their assigned sections over the summer and winter breaks and will email Clinical section assignments to students by about 2 weeks prior to the start of the semester.

Students are expected to provide their own transportation to their clinical sites. Students will be able to coordinate carpooling between classmates or reference the provided link for the UD Transportation site with information about the UD partnership with Enterprise CarShare;
<https://sites.udel.edu/transportation/alttrans/>

Clinical sites can include Christiana Hospital in Newark DE, Wilmington Hospital and duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington DE, Union Hospital in Elkton MD, Dover Behavioral Health in Dover, DE, and Delaware Psych Center in New Castle DE, Rockford Center in Newark, DE and MeadowWood Hospital in New Castle, DE. There may be other hospitals used for clinical assignments based on clinical needs. There will also be community sites for the Community clinical course that are within a 1 hour drive from Newark, DE.

Christiana Care Health System (CCHS) requires all students that participate in clinical experiences at their facilities to wear a Student Nurse Temporary ID badge; this includes students that are CCHS employees. Since CCHS will charge the School of Nursing for each lost badge, students will be required to pay a \$20.00 deposit to obtain this badge from the University of Delaware School of Nursing Assistant Clinical Coordinator, Mariane Alls. This deposit will be returned to students when they return their badge to Mariane Alls at the end of their clinical experiences. The School of Nursing will e-mail students when their Christiana Care Student Nurse Temporary ID badge is available to be picked up.

Once received and activated, students will need to keep their Christiana Care (CCHS) badge activated. Students will need to sign into the CCHS system every 60 days. E-mail reminders to keep the CCHS student badge active will be sent to students throughout the senior year – please follow the instructions in these e-mails so you will not have any problems during your clinical courses at Christiana Care.

Students need to be current with the annual Christiana Care on-line education programs. This is a requirement even if the student is a CCHS employee. Mariane Alls will contact students when they need to update this annual requirement. Please pay attention to her e-mail and update the education programs when needed.

Students also have to complete the duPont Hospital for Children online education and the duPont Confidentiality and Use agreement form. DuPont patient care employees do not need to complete these

requirements but they do need to notify Mariane Alls that they are a duPont employee so she can document this information. Instructions to complete duPont online education and the Confidentiality and Use agreement will be given to students at the mandatory annual Clinical Information meeting that all junior students need to attend.

In the senior year there will have an additional charge of a "Clinical Course Fee" for the following nursing clinical courses: NURS 453, 457, 459, 473, 477, 479. This charge is anticipated to be approximately **\$125.00/course** and will be included in the tuition bill for the semester.

All students are required to adhere to the University of Delaware School of Nursing's dress code whenever they are on a clinical unit, community setting, or field experience. Remember, the dress code includes wearing the University of Delaware School of Nursing name pin and the University of Delaware Photo ID badge. Please refer to the Undergraduate Student Handbook for the specifics of the dress code; if you cannot find your handbook, it is on line at the University of Delaware School of Nursing website (www.udel.edu/nursing) under Undergraduate Programs, the Undergraduate Student Handbook is in the list on the left side of the page. Failure to comply with this dress code can lead to dismissal from the clinical area.

Only students who are up to date with their clinical mandatory requirements will be allowed to participate in their clinical courses. Students are responsible for knowing when their requirements are expiring. Students will receive a letter over the summer if they have any clinical mandatory requirements that will be expiring over the summer and/or the fall semester. This letter will inform the student which requirements will be expiring and when it will expire. **IT IS THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO UPLOAD THE NEEDED DOCUMENTATION INTO THEIR CASTLE BRANCH ACCOUNT PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH SEMESTER OR BEFORE THE REQUIREMENT EXPIRES.**

In order to prepare students for their clinical rotations, all senior nursing students will need to complete the Senior Clinical Skills Test Out. This will be scheduled on the first Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the fall semester. The Senior Clinical Skills Test Out will be schedule by the Simulation Resource Center. Students will be notified by e-mail with information about the skills that will be tested and when they can schedule their skills test out.

Students will take a Medication Math Calculation quiz during their senior clinical orientation held during the first week of the fall semester. Students need to receive an 90% or better on this quiz in order to participate in clinical. Students that do not receive an 80% on the first quiz will have to retake the quiz until they do pass with an 80% or better. The quiz will be completed on your laptop so please bring this with you to Trabant Theater.

Course Information: All clinical courses are graded as Pass/Fail. Students must pass all Clinical Evaluation Tool (CET) requirements in order to pass the course.

NURS453 – Adult Health Nursing I

NURS457 – Maternal Child Nursing

NURS477 – Community Nursing

NURS459 – Psychosocial Nursing

NURS473 – Adult Health Nursing II

NURS479 – Clinical Preceptorship