

## What to Expect While in the Nursing Program

We are pleased you are interested in the FMCC Nursing Program. Nursing is a challenging and rewarding profession, and the course work will align with that. Here is a look at what you can anticipate while a student in our program.

Nursing courses carry between three (NUR 207) to ten (NUR 206) credits. This means that each course involves **more** class and clinical lab time than most other college courses.

All nursing courses have something scheduled on four days each week. Course requirements include:

A clinical lab that starts at 6:30am or a clinical lab that ends at 10:00pm.

A lecture class that begins at 8:00am or 2pm. Lecture may be 2 – 3 hours in length.

Several hours of nursing skills practice lab time is required to learn, practice, and become proficient in the various hands-on procedures.

Clinical lab that is not flexible. It happens when and where it is scheduled. It cannot be “made up” on a different day or time.

Clinical hours may vary within a course, based on restrictions set by affiliating agencies.

Clinical lab experiences may be at different times/locations than are listed on your advisement schedule.

APA style is a graded component of your written assignments.

The majority of your course grade is earned through in-class exams. To earn a grade of “C”, your average must be a minimum of 77.5%. Most exam questions require you to apply the information you have learned, rather than memorize and recall facts. Clinical lab is graded satisfactory or unsatisfactory. There are no optional assignments, “dropped” assignments, or bonus points.

You may have been able to work 30-40 hours a week while completing the pre-requisites. However, when you start the nursing program, you may not be able to juggle work and nursing school and make the required grades. Consider working part-time or less. If your job requires overtime or being called in at short notice, this may interfere with your required classes, clinical lab, and/or study time.

Thanks for considering our program. We hope you join us as a member of the FMCC Nursing Program.