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CHATHAM CAMPUS

Collaborative BScN Program
Information Package
YEAR 2
FALL 2025

Smart Start Package

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Welcome to Year 2 of the BScN Collaborative Nursing Program!

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

Corrin Primeau is the Chair for the School of Nursing. Her office is located on the 2nd floor at Chatham Campus (main office). She is always happy to address any questions or concerns students may have. Her phone number is 519-354-9100 ext. 4934 and her email is cprimeau@stclaircollege.ca

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IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION:

Monday, September 1st is the Labour Day Holiday, so there are no classes on that day.

First day of fall classes is Tuesday September 2nd or Wednesday September 3rd, 2025 which is a clinical orientation

Clinical Synergy Clearance due: Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

Theory Classes begin - Thursday September 4th, 2025 then full schedule the following week

Clinical placements begin:

- For those students in clinical groups on **Tuesdays** – the first clinical day will be Tuesday, Sept. 9th
- For those students in clinical groups on **Wednesdays** - the first clinical day will be Wednesday, Sept. 10th

Experiential Learning Lab III begins Monday September 8th 2025

Fall Reading Week – October 11th – 19th, 2025

Last day of fall classes – December 3rd, 2025

Final Exams – December 6th – December 17th, 2025. Students are expected to be available for all the days during exam week as exams are scheduled at different times and dates. Please do not book appointments or vacation during this time.

First day of winter classes – Monday, January 5th, 2026

Winter Reading Week (2026) – February 14th to 22nd, 2026

Last day of winter classes – Monday April 6th, 2026

Final Exams – April 9 - 20, 2026. Students are expected to be available for all the days during exam week as exams are scheduled at different times and dates. Please do not book appointments or vacation during this time.

Consolidation (2026) - 2 weeks from May 8th – May 22nd, 2026

ORIENTATION – A mandatory clinical orientation will be available for the first week of classes. You will be expected to attend this orientation prior to your first clinical shift which will occur the week of Sept 8th, 2025.

MATH TEST

Math testing will take place online this year and will be available in your Blackboard course NURS2532. This will be available the week of August 25th. You will need to achieve 100% on this math test to be able to administer medications in clinical. 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. Note that there are unlimited attempts permitted for the math test, however, the math test must be successfully passed for you to administer medications in the clinical setting. If you are not able to show that you can consistently administer medications safely, you will not be able to pass this competency for clinical.

CLINICAL INFORMATION

The hospital orientation is completed through online modules on Blackboard. You will see a course entitled “CNCR (Southwestern Ontario Hospitals – Student Placement Orientation)” on your list of courses in blackboard. Please go into this course after August 12th:

1. Look under “Placement Orientation Southwestern Ontario Hospitals” in the menu at the left
2. Select the “E-learning modules” folder (8 modules which includes the Pyxis Module)
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 to achieve this passing grade. You will not be able to attend the hospital clinical setting until you are successful with all modules. This is a requirement of the placement site. Health and Safety modules must also be completed online with a successful mark of 80% for each. These all must be completed by Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, otherwise our hospital partner will not allow you to attend.

Students must be able to get to a clinical placement that may not be in Chatham. The influenza vaccine is strongly recommended prior to clinical placement. If you have not been vaccinated against influenza, you are at risk for an unsuccessful mark in your clinical course due to missed clinical shifts.

Cobis (Accucheck) training is posted on the NURS2522 course. See the tab on the left-hand side of the course. Cobis training must be complete by Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025. We will be posting directions for online training.

CERNER LEARNING JOURNEY

- You will receive a Cerner training link for the ‘Mandatory Privacy and Confidentiality and Security e- Learning Module’ (approximately 45 minutes to complete). This will be required once per year only. If a student is going to a specialty unit such as OB, ER, Mental Health or Surgery, they will also receive a link to complete specialty Cerner training that is unique to that floor. All Cerner training links will come in an e- mail from Transform, please check your St Clair College email inbox in the last week of August, if you do not see an e-mail from Transform check your spam and junk folders.
- Students are expected to complete all Cerner training by the first day of clinical. Cerner ‘user ID’s’ will remain the same throughout the student experience. Cerner passwords will revert to the default password: Changeme139! – once per year in September. For difficulties with logging in for

the training, please call the Cerner Helpdesk at 519-962-0021.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 2

- For information regarding Clinical Placement Requirements and Medical Requirements, please visit the "Placement" tab on our program webpage. Students will be receiving an email from Synergy with instructions for medical and nonmedical requirements. **Check your email Inbox as well as Spam folder.**
If you have not received complete clinical clearance by the first day of clinical, you will not be eligible to go. There are no exceptions to this.
- If you are going to be absent due to illness you need to notify your clinical teacher, the clinical unit where you are placed and the clinical resource lead at St. Clair College (clinicalresourceteam@stclaircollege.ca). Leave a message stating your name and clinical teacher at least 1 HOUR PRIOR to the clinical start time. If you are ill, you will also need to submit a sick note from your medical doctor or nurse practitioner. This process (notifying the school, the clinical site and the clinical resource lead) is to be followed throughout your student nursing experience in the Collaborative BScN program. All students are responsible for their own reliable transportation to and from clinical. 100% attendance is mandatory.

NURS2522 Clinical – Medical/Surgical Experience (8-hour day on your schedule)

- You will attend a clinical experience one day a week for 8 hours. This clinical experience may be a day shift (approximately 0700 to 1500) or an afternoon shift (approximately 1400 to 2200).
*Note times may change depending on clinical instructor and/or clinical situation. All students in a clinical group must leave the building at the same time.
- During this experience, students will be caring for clients with acute and chronic health conditions in hospital. Clinical groups are comprised of approximately 8 students with one instructor.
- Your clinical day will be Tuesday or Wednesday.

We cannot accept requests for specific days, groups, or clinical placements.

BLACKBOARD

- Check blackboard for course listings mid-August/early September for any posted information or updates. The nursing student will be automatically enrolled in Blackboard once they are fully registered.
- **Check Blackboard and emails twice daily.** Blackboard courses are generally activated a week prior to the start of the semester.
- If you are having difficulty accessing your blackboard account (and you have completed your acknowledgements on the SIS) or email, please contact the IT department at ext. 2500 or use the "Quick Links" found on the St. Clair College home page at the following link:
<https://www.stclaircollege.ca/it-services>

CLINICAL AND EXPERIENTIAL LAB INFORMATION

Your clinical will take place on a medical, surgical, or rehabilitation floor at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.

Fall semester: you will attend clinical practicum (NURS2522) one day a week (8 hours) and experiential learning lab (NURS2531) once a week (3 hours) and one simulation experience during the semester.

Winter semester: you will attend clinical practicum (NURS2532) one day a week (8 hours) and experiential learning lab (NURS2541) once a week (2 hours) and one simulation experience during the semester. Your clinical experience may be either OB, mental health, medicine, surgery, or rehabilitation, or a combination of these.

- All students are expected to be available for a day shift (approximately 0700 to 1500) or an afternoon shift (approximately 1400 to 2200). *Note times may change depending on clinical instructor and/or clinical situation. Clinical days will be either Monday or Friday.

Spring semester: You will attend a comprehensive consolidation in the hospital. This rotation (NURS2622) will enable you to consolidate your skills and knowledge for a 2-week period in the hospital, in either OB, mental health, medicine, surgery, or rehabilitation.

- **Students are expected to be available from May 8th - May 22nd including weekends excluding May 18th, 2026 (Victoria Day). Please do not plan vacations during this time.**
- **Students are strongly encouraged NOT to work their regular jobs during this consolidation experience.**

CLINICAL AND LAB HOURS:

- 100% attendance is mandatory.
- **All missed time requires a physician's or nurse practitioner's note.**
- **All students are responsible for their own reliable transportation to and from clinical and lab.**

See the University of Windsor Collaborative BScN Nursing Student Clinical Placement Policies posted on Blackboard under NURS2522

Things to do over the summer:

- Review your health assessments from NURS1410 Holistic Health I.
- Review skills and skills videos from NURS1521 Experiential Learning Lab I.
- Review medical terminology.
- Review personal care skills, bathing, turning, repositioning, toileting, and transfers.
- Review metric conversions, 24-hour clock and basic math skills that you did in first year, including the approved list of medication abbreviations.
- Review your math for medication administration. You will be required to complete the math for medication administration test, just as you did in first year. It's important that you practice math calculations over the summer, so you are ready to be successful on the first attempt!
- Read information on oxygen, IV site and management, IV removal, specimen collection and urinary catheter removal in your Nursing Fundamentals Textbook (Potter & Perry).

Have a wonderful, restful summer; we are looking forward to seeing you back in the fall!