



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

CHATHAM CAMPUS

PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM

YEAR 2

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Welcome to Year 2 of the Practical Nursing Program!

Here is some information to help you prepare for your return in September.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **August 29, 2022** – Deadline for medical and nonmedical clinical clearance items in order to attend clinical.
- **Classes begin** Tuesday September 6, 2022
- **Thanksgiving Holiday** Monday, October 10, 2022
- **Exam Week** Monday December 12 – Friday December 16, 2022. 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 week.
- **PNR 513 Orientation** – May 1 – 5, 2023 (students must be available for mandatory agency orientations).

MEDICAL AND NONMEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL PLACEMENT

Clinical clearance is required before any student can attend the clinical setting. There are medical and non-medical requirements that must be met. Please refer to the [Clinical Placement Requirements](#) website under the Practical Nursing (H863/K963) link for detailed information for returning students. Your requirements will be explained there as well as the process to electronically submit your documents for clearance.

Clinical begins almost immediately in Year Two of the Practical Nursing Program and clearance is required before you attend the clinical setting. As a result, in order to communicate student clearances to the hospital placement coordinator in a timely fashion, all second year PN students need to be fully cleared for clinical by **August 29, 2022** at the latest. **Failure to be cleared by August 29th may result in a delay in attending clinical and a risk of being unsuccessful in the course.**

1. COVID-19 Vaccination

Our clinical placement sites are requiring students to be fully vaccinated (2 COVID vaccines) to be eligible to attend clinical placement. Currently, a COVID booster is not a requirement for hospital placements, however, it is strongly recommended as this requirement could change. A COVID vaccination is not a requirement to attend St. Clair College, however students without their vaccination cannot be guaranteed a clinical placement for their program and therefore will not be able to complete their programs.

2. CPR BLS with AED

Health care professionals must update this annually. Annual renewal is required regardless of the expiry date on the card. CPR cannot be completed entirely online.

3. N95 Mask Fit

Must be completed every 2 years. Please be fitted to one of the following model sizes: 1860, 1860s, 1870+

4. Passport to Health (completed by the SCC Campus Health Nurse)

You will need to make an appointment at the Health Centre at Chatham Campus to see the health nurse **early in the summer**. The health nurse will update your passport to health. If you completed all your health requirements last fall when you entered the program and received your passport to health at that time, the **only medical requirement for second year is your annual TB skin test** (1 step if you can produce prior documentation of having 2 step screening done; otherwise, 2 step is required). If you have outstanding health requirements from last fall (e.g. third Hep B immunization) you will need to complete those as well prior to being given your passport to health. If you have any questions, please call the Chatham Health Centre health (519-354-9100 X, 3229).

5. Vulnerable Sector Police Check

Our placement organizations require students to have an annual, clear vulnerable sector police check prior to entering clinical. Police checks can take up to 6 weeks to come. Most applications are now online. You will also be required to obtain a new one for 5th semester as the fall's clearance will have expired.

***Please note:** If you have notations, charges, etc. on your police clearance this may prevent you from attending a clinical practice site. Any concerns with your police clearance will be communicated to the Chair of the School of Nursing. It is at the discretion of the administration of our partner clinical sites to allow or disallow students from attending clinical in their facilities. If your police clearance is not "clear".

CPR with BLS and N95 Mask fitting can be completed through any external organization that offers them. The practice and assessments for the course must be in person. If you are looking for a one stop shop for all of these, Second Chance at <https://www.sccpr.com/> can help.

TEXTBOOKS

It is important for students to have access to the required textbooks for each course to ensure success in each course.

The Elsevier Clinical Learning Suite will continue to be utilized in your courses.

- PNR 308 - Leifer (2020). *Introduction to Maternity and Pediatric Nursing in Canada (1st Canadian Edition)*.
- PNR 309 - Lewis et al. (2019). *Medical-Surgical Nursing in Canada (4th Canadian Edition)*.
- PNR 315 - Stanhope et al. (2021). *Community Health Nursing in Canada (4th Canadian Edition)*.

BLACKBOARD

Check blackboard for **PNR 316** mid-August for any posted information or updates. The nursing student will be automatically enrolled in this resource once they are fully registered.

Students may be required to complete Academic Integrity and Health and Safety modules prior to getting access to their individual course Blackboard sites in the fall. Please read and follow any instructions provided to you on registration carefully.

Check Blackboard and emails at least **twice a day**. 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. 3275 or 3276 or use the “Quick Links” found on the St. Clair College home page at the following link: <https://www.stclaircollege.ca/it-services>
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CLINICAL GROUPS

- Students will be placed on either inpatient surgery or medicine in Year 2.

SEMESTER 3 CLINICAL (PNR 316)

- Clinical is every other Thursday/Friday or Sat/Sun
- 8-hour shifts – days (0700 – 1500h) or evenings (1500 – 2300h)
- **SIMULATION LABS** (med/surg, maternity & peds)
- Information will be posted on blackboard in August
- Lab is part of clinical, therefore students are expected to follow the uniform policy as per clinical.

SEMESTER 5 CLINICAL (PNR 513)

- 5TH semester is a 400-hour (40 hour/wk X10 weeks) placement with a preceptor.
- Students can only be placed in Chatham-Kent or Windsor-Essex. Placements outside the region will not be permitted.
- **Students are not to arrange their own placements or contact placement sites independently.**
- More information will be announced during the year.

CLINICAL AND LAB HOURS:

- 100% attendance is expected to maximize the opportunity for success.
- **All missed time requires a physician’s note.**
- All students are responsible for their own reliable transportation to and from clinical.

UNIFORM POLICY

Same as previous semesters - green scrubs with St. Clair College embroidered on the sleeve (need 2 sets), white or black sweater (no sweatshirts, no hoods) and white/black shoes and socks (no logos, etc).

REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO (WeRPN) STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

- St. Clair College encourages you to join this professional organization.
- **Benefits of Joining:**
 - Savings and discounts
 - Educational opportunities
 - Career-building services and support
 - Communications and Information
 - Looks great on a resume and portfolio assignment in 4th semester



WeRPN Student Member Application

<https://members.werpn.com/step-1/>

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