



**ST. CLAIR COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS &
TECHNOLOGY**

CHATHAM CAMPUS

PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM

YEAR 2

FALL 2024

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Package



Welcome to Year 2 of the Practical Nursing Program!

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Prior to clinical (August 2024)** – Deadline for medical and nonmedical clinical clearance items in order to attend clinical.
- **Classes begin** Tuesday, September 3, 2024
- **PNR 316 Orientation and Medication Administration Test**
 - Wednesday, September 4 (Section 501-514: 0800-1200), Room TBA
- **Thanksgiving Holiday** – Monday, October 14, 2024 (no classes)
- **Exam Week** – Monday December 9 – Friday, December 13, 2024. Students are expected to be available for all the days during exam week. Please do not book appointments or vacation during this week.
- **PNR 513 Orientation** – Date TBA. Students must be available for mandatory agency orientations.

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MEDICAL AND NONMEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL PLACEMENT

Clinical begins the first week back in Year Two of the Practical Nursing Program and 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. Your requirements will be clearly explained there as well as the process to electronically submit your documents for clearance. This process may take weeks to complete so please begin promptly.

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. (2022). *Medical-Surgical Nursing in Canada (5th 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.

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, medicine or Continuing Care/Rehab at the CKHA in Year 2.

SEMESTER 3 CLINICAL (PNR 316)

- Clinical is every other Thursday/Friday
 - 8 hour shifts – days (0700 – 1500h) or evenings (1500 – 2300h)
 - **SIMULATION LABS** (med/surg, maternity & paed)
 - 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.
- **Note: OSAP does not cover 5th semester separately; OSAP money received for the winter semester also covers the spring semester.**
- **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 lab coat (no sweatshirts, no hoods) and white/black shoes and socks (no logos, etc).
- Review the St. Clair College Practical Nursing Student Clinical Placement Policies

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/>



THE REX-PN EXAM

<https://www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/entry-to-practice-examinations/rpn-exam/>

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