

COURSE SCHEDULE

- 6 weeks of Psychiatric nursing
- 6 weeks of Advanced Medical-Surgical nursing, with concurrent 347 (Leadership & Management)
- Followed by 4 weeks of Preceptorship (Fast paced like third semester!)

Nursing 343 (Psychiatric nursing)

Lecture M/Th (5.5 hrs)

Clinic T (12 hrs)*

Nursing 318 – Monday (2 hours)

**Clinical placement at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center requires the student to pass Livescan.*

Nursing 345 (Advanced Medical-Surgical nursing)

Lecture M/T (5.5 hours)

Clinic Th (12 hrs)

And Simulation

Nursing 318 – Monday (2 hours)

Nursing 347 (Leadership & Management)

Lecture W (1 hour) for 10 weeks

Clinic is last 4 weeks of the semester*

Nursing 318 – Wed (1 hour) for 10 weeks

** Clinics placement varies at agencies and shifts.*

The Student Success Program for the Los Angeles Harbor College Associate Degree Nursing Program is made possible by funds from the Song-Brown Special Project grant (2012-2014) and the Department of Health Services Tutoring and Mentoring Program (2011-present).

When you have completed your nursing education, please consider seeking employment at a Los Angeles County healthcare facility and in a Registered Nursing Shortage Area (RNSA).

**See LA County flyers posted in the Nursing building or see the Health Sciences Chairperson for more information.*

TIPS FOR SUCCESS ~ For the FOURTH semester: *All of the preceding PLUS:*

There will be a clinical practicum PRIOR to entering the 4th semester.

You will elect a fourth semester cabinet and participate in planning your Pinning ceremony. You will be participating in 4th semester class fundraising and other extracurricular activities.

Review mental status guidelines and psychotropic medications prior to the start of the semester.

In Nursing 343

- Students wear appropriate non-uniform clothing
- There are many writing assignments. Review APA format and seek assistance from the campus writing laboratory if having difficulty.
- You should also review your reading and notes from Nursing 311 (Therapeutic Communication).
- Includes one or more visit(s) to a community based mental health service provider.

Rotations for Nursing 345 include critical care units and caring for complex patients with multisystem problems. Thorough clinical preparation is essential to provide safe care.

Nursing 347

- Will assist you in making the transition from student to professional nurse.
- Nursing 347 clinical (Preceptorship) allows students to gradually assume the role of an RN. You will be assigned to a preceptor and you will be in clinic for approximately 36-40 hours per week and follow the exact schedule of your preceptor. This may include night shifts, weekends, and holidays.

Working will be very difficult this semester due to the heavy content and having to be able to follow your preceptor's schedule.

Be prepared for extra fees this semester: application to take NCLEX, graduation fees, Livescan.

Complete a Graduation Petition by the required deadline.

It is your responsibility to make sure that both the Health Sciences office AND the college have your official transcripts on file. The Board of Registered Nursing will be sent confirmation of all degree requirements. Failure to have appropriate transcripts on file may cause in delay in being cleared to take the NCLEX-RN.

You must report all previous misdemeanor and felony convictions to the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). The BRN will review all convictions as they relate to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a Registered Nurse. Each application is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The BRN will require documentation related to the offense (see BRN Regulations).

You will complete a professional resume and cover letter and have a seminar on interview techniques in Nursing 347.

Participate in the Pinning Ceremony (official welcome into the profession) and college graduation ceremony.

Summary: You have persevered and completed your nursing education. Please participate in the survey that we will send you 6 months to 1 year after graduation so that we can work to improve our nursing program.