

Dear Students,

I hope that this letter finds you well after successfully completing your final exams!

My name is Bridgette Dufrene, and I will be your Level III Coordinator for the students progressing on to Level III in the Fall. I wanted to take this opportunity to address some concerns you may have as Level III runs a bit differently than Levels I, II, and Transitions. During this semester, you have the option to take a course load similar to Level II. Nursing 220 (Nursing III- Adult and Pediatric Med-Surg) for 7 credit hours, Nursing 223 (Special Populations II- Maternal-Infant Nursing Care) for 2 credit hours, and Nursing 225 (Pharmacology III) for 1 credit hour are the three courses required in Level III.

You can take them in any order you like, but Pharmacology must lead. In other words, you can take Pharm by itself, Pharm and SP II, or Pharm and Nursing III. If you are taking a clinical nursing course, you must take Pharm either before or with it. (No Exceptions!) Also, you must complete **all** Level II or Transitions courses before taking/scheduling **any** Level III courses.

When you look at our registration grid, there are several things to notice (example):

Section	CRN	Rotation 1: Jan 20- Feb 20	Rotation 2: Feb 24- March 27	Rotation 3: March 31- May 1
101	Nursing 220/22222	Nursing 220- Adult MS Sat/Sun 12:30 pm-6:30pm	Nursing 223- Special Pops Thursday 6:45 am-3:45 pm	Nursing 220- Pediatric MS Wed/Thurs Rotating Shifts
	Nursing 223/22223	Campbell/ East Jefferson	Herrera/Tulane Lakeside	Perkins/ Children's Hospital

The above example shows three separate rotations. Level III clinicals occur in 5-week increments. So, if you are taking Nursing 220, you will have two 5-week rotations, one in Adult MS and one in Pediatric MS. If you are taking Nursing 223, you will have one 5-week clinical only (and you can decide whether you would prefer that to be 1st, 2nd, or 3rd rotation).

*** If you are taking BOTH, Nursing 220 and Nursing 223, you must be certain that the Nursing 223 fits into the “open” section between the Nursing 220 clinical spots. So, using the example above, if a student was able to register for section 101 Nursing 220, but unable to get the SP section 101 that “matched”, that student could choose another section of SP that was a second rotation clinical. So, students have the ability to either

register for the same section of both courses OR find another SP section that matches the rotation pattern.

Also, Teams 1 and 4 can cross sections and Teams 2 and 3 can cross sections for clinical placements—this is due to Class times. Otherwise, LOLA will not allow you to register any other way across teams and will give you a “Time Conflict**” error message.

Spring Registration is Thursday, December 14 at 10 am for all classes, all sections.

Any student with Pharmacology credit (from another college, Advance Placed, or Transitions), will have to fill out a Registration Override Form prior to registration. Please fill these out at least a week in advance of registration!! If it is not filled out and you will get a “**Pre-Requisite, Test Score**” error message the morning of registration, there is no guarantee that you will be registered that day!! (the link to this form was published on Canvas).

Now, the question on everyone’s minds—Summer Classes. Currently, it is uncertain if any classes will be taught next summer due to staffing changes and shortages. Please plan accordingly not expecting any to be offered. If they are, it will be an added bonus!

Classes will be offered this Spring mostly in person at the School of Nursing. There are a small percentage of Special Populations sections which will be online asynchronously. Please strongly consider whether this is the correct learning modality for you, because you will have to stay in that class the entire semester. Students in face-to-face classes will not have access to the online materials and online sections will not be allowed to attend face-to-face classes, so decide carefully.

Priority Registration- The only priority registration for classes will be Veterans Priority Registration. I am planning on Veterans Priority on December 13 over Zoom or by phone call from 9-3; a signup genius link will be sent out to schedule a preferred time. If you qualify for this and are actively on Ms. Thompson’s list, please send me an email, so that I can schedule a time to Zoom with you on one of those days.

Splitting Classes- My suggestion to any student is to assess your personal situation. If you feel that splitting your classes is in your best interest, then do that! Looking at progression should always be done from a “success perspective” much more so than a “time perspective”. So, please make the best decision for your individual circumstances and consider what path leads you successfully through the program.

If you have any questions, please email me at bdufre1@dcc.edu.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dufrene