TO: Fall 2017 LEVEL II STUDENTS

Congratulations and welcome to Level II! This semester you will be building on foundational knowledge and skills from Level I. The first day of class is Monday, August 14, 2017 at 9:00 am at the nursing school. This is a mandatory attendance day. If you do not attend this orientation, your place in the class will be forfeited! Dress is class casual, no uniforms until notified by your clinical instructor.

The first two weeks of the semester are very busy and we rely on your ability to build on Level I. We highly recommended you practice the following skills prior to the first day of class.

1. Medication Administration
2. Vital Signs
3. Sterile Gloving
4. Physical Assessment

The first week in Level II you will
1. orient to the courses.
2. review how to access the Course Guides on Canvas, Pearson, & Elsevier resources.
3. review the course calendar with dates of classes, tests, clinical, and holidays.
4. meet your clinical instructor and group.
5. participate in scheduled workshops.
6. take the Medication Competency Examination.

Information about the Level II exemplars is included on a separate handout posted on the CSN web site with this letter.

The Medication Competency exam will be administered on your first clinical day, Wednesday August 16. School policy requires that all students pass the exam with a grade of 90%. You will have two opportunities to re-take the exam if you do not achieve the 90% on the first administration of the exam. You are encouraged to practice all types of dosage calculation problems. A practice exam is posted on the Level II page of the CSN website for your reference.

Go to www.dcc.edu, go to academics, then academic divisions, then Charity School of Nursing, then Registered Nursing Program, then Level II at the bottom of the page.

REGISTRATION: On-line thru LoLA. Students control their registration – that means drop/add thru August 14 at 2 pm.

SECTIONS: The section you register for determines your team assignment, class time and clinical location/time for Nursing II, Special Populations I, and Pharmacology. For the spring semester, there will be sections that have day class with day clinical and day class with evening clinical. Please be aware that a student repeating a clinical course will not be permitted to register for a class or clinical section taught by any clinical instructor the student had when previously enrolled in that course unless given permission to do so by the level coordinator.

CLASS: Class times are according to your team, the section you registered in. Draft calendars will be published on the Level II page of the CSN website. Course exams will be administered during regularly scheduled class times.
CLINICAL: In Level II there are two courses with clinical rotations. Student will have 12 hours of clinical each week. Some clinicals have 2 six hour days, some have one twelve hour day. Experiences start as early as 6:15 AM for day sections and as late as 5:30 PM for evening sections, depending on the section. All days, times and locations are subject to change. You will find out your schedule when you meet with your instructor during the first week of school. For Nursing II, your clinical experience is at an adult, medical surgical agency. For Special Populations I your clinical experience is at a mental health agency.

SECTION CHANGES: Students may switch sections until August 14 at 2 pm. The best way to secure a change after registration is to find someone to switch with you. If a student can not register for their first choice section, they must register for a section to secure a place in the class. Students can watch the web and Canvas site for information about section schedules. Note: To switch, find someone to switch with you; the coordinator does not make or grant section changes.

TEXTBOOKS & SKILLS PACKET – You will also use the books required for Level I and Pharmacology I as well as the Pearson and Evolve resources [My Nursing Lab, Video skills, case studies and practice exams, and Adaptive Quizzing]. You will have a ‘Skills Pack’ for skills practice and check offs. The skills pack will be distributed by your clinical instructor at CSN. You will have to sign for receipt and you will then be responsible for bringing the skills packet to the scheduled skills sessions including the IV workshop which will be held the first week of class. The eBook package is available EXCLUSIVELY through the City Park Campus bookstore.

HESI FUNDAMENTALS REMEDIATION: If your score on the Level I standardized HESI was less than 850 students must complete the required remediation. Mr. Salas published the information about the remediation on the Level I Canvas site. Students have access to the HESI resources until well after graduation to assist with NCLEX preparation. The deadline for remediation is July 31, 2017.

All health requirements [e.g. HepB, TB] as well as documentation of CPR valid thru December 2017 must be current to retain your place for spring nursing course/s. The flu shot is also required. Students must also maintain current liability insurance to participate in clinical experiences.

The faculty looks forward to meeting and working with you as you continue your journey through the curriculum of Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely, Nora F. Steele on behalf of the Level II faculty

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