Information to Decide if Special Populations 3 Online is a Good Choice for You

Special Populations 3 Online is a compressed course. The normal 15 weeks of study are compressed into 9 weeks of study. You will need to be able to manage your time in order to be successful. Plan to devote about 4 hours per week. You will also need to read assigned articles and view videos online to learn how to assess and care for the older adult. Some weeks you may have up to three journal articles to read. Every week you will need to collaborate with your classmates in your discussion group and make a post on the most important information from your weekly readings. Every week you will have to view 3-5 short student presentations from your section and engage in dialogue on the discussion board.

You MUST have a laptop or computer that has camera/video and audio availability. If you do not own a computer with these features, you must have access to one. Each student will create one video presentation of a researched article that compliments our module or unit of study and write a one-page paper. This is fairly easy to do in Canvas, but you will need to be able to follow provided instructions or use the Help feature in Canvas. Some software such as flash drive or Adobe will have to be downloaded to your computer. All students are asked to log into our Canvas course site daily to keep abreast of announcements or personal emails from the teacher or classmates.

You will have to come to the school of nursing to take Test One and Test Two. Test One will cover the first three modules of study. Material from the Instructor Power Point slides (Module 1-3) and information from the articles / videos will be included as well as material from the weekly quizzes for Module 2-3. Test Two will be constructed similarly but cover Modules 4-7.

Because weekly quizzes are worth 25% of your grade, it is detrimental to miss even one quiz. A score of zero will be issued for missed quizzes. You must be able to log on to a computer every Wednesday at 3pm to take a ten-minute quiz. There will be no make up quizzes.

If I have not scared you off and you are still reading this letter, it is obvious that a student enrolled in this online course must be organized, keep up with weekly assignments, follow directions, log in for quizzes every Wednesday at 3pm, and be able to solve small technical issues using the Canvas Help link. I feel you will become comfortable quickly.

The good news is that you get this course out of the way during the summer and you can participate from the comfort of your home or while on a beach vacation (as long as you have internet access). Most of our graduates who enroll in baccalaureate studies do so online, so this course will provide you with a foundation for online studies. I know the stressfulness of learning new technological skills and am here to help. A conference is set at 3pm on the first day of class, Monday June 1, 2016 and repeated Wednesday, June 8, 2016. If you miss this live conference, it will be recorded. Your live attendance is strongly encouraged.

Hopefully this letter helps you in making the decision if online learning is for you.

Sincerely,

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