

Level III Coordinator's Letter to Level II and Transitions Students

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 Spring. 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 18- Feb 19	Rotation 2: Feb 22- March 26	Rotation 3: March 29- April 30
301	Nursing 220/22222 Nursing 223/22223	Nursing 220- Adult MS Sat/Sun 12:30 pm-6:30pm Campbell/ East Jefferson	Nursing 223- Special Pops Thursday 6:45 am-3:45 pm Herrera/Tulane Lakeside	Nursing 220- Pediatric MS Wed/Thurs Rotating Shifts 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 301 Nursing 220, but unable to get the SP section 301 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.**

Registration grids are currently posted on the main DCC CSN web page, but **there will be changes** before registration. The reason for that is that I will only have an accurate accounting of the class size once final exams are completed after December 5. Look for it to be posted later that week (Dec 8th or so).

Spring Registration is Friday, December 16 at 10:00 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 last week). Overrides will not be processed until after final grades are posted (Dec 6).

Now, the question on everyone’s minds—Summer Classes. I cannot commit to offering SP II this summer at this time.

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 asynchronous. 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 please decide carefully.

Priority Registration- The only priority registration for classes will be Veterans Priority Registration. I am planning on Veterans Priority on December 14 over Zoom or by phone call. 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 that day.

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.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dufrene