



Notice to Current and Prospective Students – FLCC Nursing Program Curriculum Changes

A new nursing program curriculum has been approved by New York State Department of Education (NYSED), and the State of New York University (SUNY). The start date for the new curriculum is 9/1/22.

Should you have any questions about this new curriculum please reach out to Heather Tillack at nursing@flcc.edu.

About the New Nursing Curriculum

The nursing faculty and administration at Finger Lakes Community College have spent the last 4 years developing an innovative concept-based curricular approach to learning that enhances the preparation required for graduates entering the dynamic healthcare workforce. As a result, the FLCC Nursing program is pleased to share the new Concept-based Nursing Curriculum (CBC) beginning in Fall 2022.

Student success depends on the ability to locate, analyze, interpret and apply information, and the evidence supports the development of high-level critical thinking skills as students organize information into logical mental structures, recognizing patterns, and applying those patterns to organize facts. Conceptual learning is student-centered, rooted in active participation, deeper understanding, greater autonomy, and a relationship with faculty that is characterized by partnership and mutual respect. Students are responsible for their own knowledge development, expected to delve into content and learn how to access information independently. Faculty and students then work collaboratively for knowledge application. This curricular transformation is designed to give students the framework to acquire the necessary knowledge of foundational concepts that are critical to competent and compassionate nursing practice. This knowledge is transferrable to a broader spectrum of current and future practice.

Changing to a CBC is affirmed and supported by the National Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Future of Nursing Report, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), and the National League of Nursing (NLN). The reasons for the change are myriad, but include the information explosion in the current healthcare environment, new global health opportunities and threats, shifting demographics and a transition from a disease-focused, treatment model of health care to a broader paradigm encompassing holistic care to populations. There has been steady growth in the adoption of the concept-based learning approach in higher education particularly in the health sciences that aligns with the National Common Core Standards, a concept-based learning initiative for K-12 students.

For Current Nursing Students

What does this mean for nursing students in the current Nursing Program Curriculum?

- The present curriculum will remain in place for students already admitted to the program with a teach-out plan to phase out the present curriculum.

- The only way a current student will be affected by this change is if they are unsuccessful in the present curricular sequence. Accommodation for progression through the nursing program is as follows:
 - **NUR 101** – If a student is unsuccessful in NUR 101 prior to Fall 2022 and eligible for readmission to the nursing program the student will need to enroll in the CBC curriculum. They may enter the second semester for Health Concepts II but will need to take Professional Nursing I, and Pharmacology I offered in Summer and/or Winter sessions.

 - **NUR 202** – In the event that a student is unsuccessful in NUR 202 in the Fall 2022 semester, the program readmission process must be followed. Please review this policy as a student may not be admitted to the nursing program more than twice. Once readmitted to the Nursing Program, the student will enter the Concept-based Curriculum (CBC). The successful completion of the following steps will allow the student to complete the nursing program in May 2024:

Path for Program Completion from Sunset Curriculum to the Concept-based Curriculum

Step 1		Reapply for admission to the Nursing program
Step 2	Winter 2023	Complete NUR 112 Professional Nursing 1 (1 credit) and NUR 113 Pharmacology (1 credit)
Step 3	Spring 2023	Complete Triad 2 – NUR 121 Health Concepts 2 (7 credits), NUR 122 Professional Nursing 2 (1 credit), and NUR 123 Pharmacology (1 credit)
Step 4	Fall 2023	Complete Triad 3 – NUR 231 Health Concepts 3 (6 credits), NUR 232 Professional Nursing 3 (1 credit), and NUR 233 Pharmacology (1 credit)
Step 5	Spring 2024	Complete Triad 4 – NUR 241 Health Concepts 4 (4 credits), NUR 242 Concept Synthesis (2 credits), NUR 243 Capstone (3 credits)

- **NUR 203/204** – Eligible students who do not successfully complete NUR 203 or NUR 204 may be required to complete the course requirements through an alternative format, recognizing that a student may not be admitted to the nursing program more than twice.
- **NUR 215** – Eligible students who do not successfully complete NUR 215 may be required to complete the course requirements through an alternative format.

For New / Incoming Nursing Students

What does this mean for nursing students entering the Nursing Program in Fall 2022?

New students entering the concept-based FLCC Nursing Program will begin learning selected core concepts and their interrelationship within clinical situations that can be applied to individuals, families, communities and systems; in a variety of settings, addressing the needs of diverse populations across the lifespan.

The proposed semester sequence is outlined below. More information will be forthcoming after the change has been approved.

Proposed Semester Sequence Recommendations – Nursing

→ FIRST YEAR

Semester 1			Semester 2		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
NUR 111	Health Concepts I	6			
NUR 112	Professional Nursing, I	1	NUR 121	Health Concepts II	7
NUR 113	Pharmacology I	1	NUR 122	Professional Nursing II	1
BIO 171	Anatomy and Physiology, I	4	NUR 123	Pharmacology II	1
<i>Math 115*</i>	<i>Mathematics for Health Care Professionals</i>	1	BIO 172	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 200	Developmental Psychology	3
ENG 101	Composition I	3			
TOTAL		19	TOTAL		16

**MAT 115 is to be taken before the start of the fall semester and will be offered during summer session*

→ SECOND YEAR

Semester 3			Semester 4		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
NUR 231	Health Concepts III	6	NUR 241	Health Concepts IV	4
NUR 232	Professional Nursing III	1	NUR 242	Concept Synthesis	2
NUR 233	Pharmacology III	2	NUR 243	Capstone	3
BIO 230	Microbiology	4	HPE Elective	Health/Physical Education Elective	1

ENG/ COM 125	Healthcare Communication	3		SUNY General Education approved course	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American History ○ Western Civilization ○ Other World Civilization ○ World (Foreign) Language ○ The Arts ○ Humanities ○ Mathematics SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3
TOTAL		16	TOTAL		13

Nursing Program Total Credits = 64