

CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR NURSING STUDENTS!!

As you prepare for the upcoming semester, here is important information regarding Nursing 24.

1. It is online- blackboard. If you do not have current blackboard access go to the KCC library before classes start and obtain this access. Attendance will be checked based on weekly blackboard log-ins.
2. There are THREE assignments, SIX units as well as a variety of important transition information web sites to assist as you move towards your own independent RN practice.
3. **Unit 1** focuses on successful transitioning. Be sure to review the Maimonides targets for new nurses on orientation. This will prepare you for your first nursing job.
4. **Unit 2** focuses on the political process and there is an assignment for you to write a letter to a New York State, New York City or federal politician regarding a bill/ act focused on a health issue. Check <http://assembly.state.ny.us/> and search pending legislation.
 - **First make sure that the bill is pending and has not already been signed into law.**
 - **Second clearly describe what the bill proposes.**
 - **Make sure that your letter is literate and that it cogently presents the issue and your position- pro or con.**
 - **Avoid giving your personal opinions/ beliefs.**
 - **Cite literature/ published data/ research to bolster your position. Put the source and date of the literature/ research that you cite in the letter.**
5. **Unit 3** focuses on leadership and delegation tasks; some may be a review of previous content, but this has been reported by recent graduates as most difficult when in the first nursing position. A large number of items related to leadership and delegation are on NCLEX-RN. There are exercises for you to practice that will help with NCLEX preparation.
6. **Unit 4** focuses on evidence based practice and allows you to consider how/ what will determine your professional practice. The assignment involves your choosing a current research article (focused on maternity or pediatrics) from a NURSING/ MEDICAL JOURNAL (not the NY Times or a popular magazine!!).
 - Begin by summarizing the article. Identify the strengths or weaknesses of the research presented in the article. Is it applicable to other client populations? Why? Why not?
 - Then explain how and why you would choose to incorporate these research findings into your nursing practice// or not. Be clear as to why or why not. Include specific examples.
7. **Unit 5** focuses on quality improvement in health care and there is an activity to help understand this important concept.
8. **Unit 6** focuses on obtaining that first RN position and the assignment involves your developing a resume and cover letter to assist you in this process.
 - Write a cover letter that clearly presents you as a candidate for a RN position. Make sure that you have identified the nurse recruiter; spelled

his/her name (as well as the hospital's name) correctly, and included his/her credentials.

- Briefly highlight your best points.
- Indicate how you will follow-up.
- Develop a resume that clearly presents your education (Remember your degree is an Associate in Applied Science: Nursing degree); work experience, and certifications.
- If you include a goal it should be short- one sentence.
- If you plan to include your KCC clinical experiences list the institution and rotation.

9. Other REQUIRED ACTIVITIES include the NLN DRT exam and the **program completion survey** (on zoomerang).
10. Read the Eight steps of NCLEX=RN application on blackboard AND log onto www.ncsbn.org ; download the candidates bulletin and follow each step to apply to take this exam.
11. Look for scheduled NCLEX-RN on-campus prep sessions that will be posted on Blackboard!!!