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BSN New Student Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does the criminal background check cost?

A: The cost for the Criminal Background Check is \$58.00.

Q: Can I send you a criminal background check that was done by my employer?

A: No. The check must include all searches specified by our clinical settings.

Q: How much does the criminal background check cost?

A: The cost for the 12-panel drug test is \$60.00

Q: Can I send you a urine drug screen that was done by my employer?

A: No. It must be a 12-panel urine drug screen as specified by our clinical settings.

Q: What do I do if I can't find my immunization records?

A: Most immunizations can be verified through titers. If a titer is not available, you will need to revaccinate.

Q: Do I need to get a flu shot now?

A: It depends. If you are starting in August—NO. If you are starting in January—YES.

Q: Do I need to provide proof of health insurance?

A: No. We STRONGLY encourage you to maintain your health insurance during the program and throughout your life-time. Remember, you are beginning your journey as a health provider and others will look to you for guidance and advice!

Q: What happens if I do not return the Required Nursing Documents by the deadline?

A: Students will not be admitted to nursing without the required documents. They may reapply on a space available basis.

Q: Must I attend the orientation session?

A: These sessions are required and students must attend.

Q: How can I get my class schedule changed?

A: Schedules are set in blocks and in general, cannot be changed.

Q: What do I wear during the orientation session?

A: Comfortable street clothing (not the nursing uniform).

Q: Can I purchase my textbooks from an online retailer?

A: Textbooks and resources may be purchased from a variety of sources. Be aware that the required *online* resources must be purchased as a NEW product in order to have the necessary access codes. The dosage calculation program safeMedicate may be purchased online directly from the company or at the bookstore.

Q: What is the cost of books?

A: Plan to spend approximately \$800 for the first semester texts and electronic materials. First semester instructors have coordinated to have almost all required materials placed into one bundle, which results in a lower cost than buying new materials separately. Materials, either new or used, may also be bought individually, based on individual preference, but assess the total cost and compare your options carefully. In addition to the materials in this package, the dosage calculation program must be purchased. The cost for materials and supplies for the first semester is one of the largest you will have during your nursing education because you are purchasing several books that will be used in courses throughout the curriculum.

Q: When should I purchase the required uniforms?

A: At least 3 weeks prior to the start of class. The ordering process takes approximately three weeks because of monogramming. Students are required to wear the BSN uniform during NURS 3106 Foundational Nursing Skills without the required uniform.

Q: When will I need the required uniform?

A: The first week of classes. You will wear your full clinical uniform, as described in the BSN handbook, for your FIRST day of lab in NURS 3106 Foundational Nursing Skills. Your instructor will review the uniform and help you make sure that you have everything you need to meet the dress code. You will continue to wear your clinical uniform every time your Foundational Nursing Skills lab meets.

You do NOT wear your clinical uniform for Health Assessment labs. Wear casual and comfortable clothing for the first lab. Your instructors will tell you which labs require any special clothing. There is no special dress code for your other courses. Just dress comfortably and professionally.

Q: How many uniforms do I need?

A: This decision is up to you. Keep in mind that you must wear a uniform to lab and clinical that is clean and pressed. Infection control policies require all uniforms to be laundered after each time they are worn. When choosing a jacket, be aware that the lab jacket may be worn with either clinical uniform or professional dress, while the scrub jacket may ONLY be worn with the clinical uniform.

Q: What style of shoes do I need?

A: Shoes must be white leather and must fully enclose the foot, meaning that the shoe cannot be open-toed or open-heeled.

Q: What is meant by “professional dress”?

A: Professional dress is defined as the following:

Men: Shirt with a collar, long pants (no denim), socks, enclosed toe/heel shoes. Additional requirements include the policies related to grooming, jewelry, perfume/aftershave, tattoos, piercing and student ID.

Women: Blouse or shirt with moderate neckline, skirt or long pants (no denim), socks or hosiery, enclosed toe/low heel shoes. Additional requirements include the policies related to grooming, jewelry, perfume/aftershave, tattoos, piercing and student ID

Q: What other supplies do I need to purchase?

A: All students are **required to purchase** the following “**Clinical Supplies**” items to have at all times in the lab and clinical setting.

1. Dual Head Stethoscope
2. Sphygmomanometer
3. Penlight
4. Bandage Scissors
5. Face Shield (CPR mask), disposable
6. Clear plastic student ID badge holder

Other required materials:

1. Watch with second hand
2. Black permanent ink pen
3. Nonprogrammable pocket calculator

Q: What do I wear to class?

A: Students may wear clothing of choice to classes with the exception of Health Assessment lab and Foundational Nursing Skills. Clinical uniform is required for Foundational Nursing Skills, as noted above. You may wear comfortable street clothes to your first Health Assessment lab, at which time your instructor will review requirements for later labs.

Q: What if I have questions after today?

A: Contact the Loewenberg School of Nursing office at 901-678-2003.