



Career Ladder Program Time Commitment

We have developed this document to give prospective students a better understanding of the time commitment required for the nurse science program. Please note: This only applies to students progressing through the sequence of NURS courses. However, the recommended study time information is applicable to any college student.

To begin, students must have completed the following and posted to their transcripts, with a “C” or better:

- BIOL 2214 – Human Anatomy
- CHEM 1154 – General, Organic, and Biochemistry
- ENGL 1113 – English Composition I
- NSCI 1113 – Basic Human Nutrition
- PSYC 113 – Intro Psychology
- PSYC 2213 – Lifespan Human Development
- PSIO 2314 – Human Physiology (can be taken same semester as NURS 1314 but must be completed with a “C” or better before one can progress to NURS 2218).

1st Semester: NURS 1314

- All Career Ladder courses are hybrid format.
- Coursework will be hosted and conducted online.
- You will be on campus for about 75% of the Fridays during the semester for labs, simulations, and testing purposes.

3rd Semester: NURS 2218

- All Career Ladder courses are hybrid format.
- Coursework will be hosted and conducted online.
- You will be on campus for about 75% of the Fridays during the semester for labs, simulations, and testing purposes.
- You will attend clinical at a partner facility on either Saturday or Sunday for 12-hour shifts. Faculty do their best to help meet a student’s clinical day needs.

4th Semester: NURS 2258 + NURS 2342

- 2258:
 - o All Career Ladder courses are hybrid format.
 - o Coursework will be hosted and conducted online.
 - o You will be on campus for about 75% of the Fridays during the semester for labs, simulations, and testing purposes.
 - o You will attend clinical at a partner facility on either Saturday or Sunday for 12-hour shifts. Faculty do their best to help meet a student’s clinical day needs.
- 2342:
 - o 100% online course

Recommended Study Time:

It is recommended that, in addition to the above in-person or online instruction, students spend 1-3 credit hours in preparation for each credit hour being taken. For example: NURS 1118 = 8 credit hours. 5 hours/week in class + 9 hours/week in lab or clinical + 8-24 hours/week studying = 22-38 hours/week.