

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. Q: What are the hours once in the nursing program?

A: Once you are accepted into the nursing program you will be in class or clinical 5 days a week, Monday – Friday. Class time is usually 8 am – 4 pm but may vary slightly each semester. Clinical times will vary based on which clinical site you are assigned, for example, Hospital seeing (Covenant/UMC) 6 am – 3 pm but again may vary per semester. Beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> semester you will primarily be here at the school in class or skills lab 5 days a week, but towards mid to late 1<sup>st</sup> semester you will begin actual clinical at least 1 day a week. Clinical days will increase as you progress into further semesters. (ex. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semester – clinical 2-3 days per week, 3<sup>rd</sup> semester – clinical 3 days per week. Please be advised that this is just for informative purposes and is subject to change according to the nursing instructor's discretion. Once accepted you will get more definite times at your nursing orientation.

## 2. Q: Can I work while in the nursing program?

A: We do not advise students to work while they are enrolled in our nursing program, however that is ultimately the student's choice. The nursing school workload is vigorous so if you choose to work, please plan accordingly, and stay organized and on top of your schoolwork.

## 3. Q: Is nursing school hard?

A: Yes. Nursing school is hard, as it should be. We are training you to care for peoples' lives.

## 4. Q: What is the minimum required GPA?

A: You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be eligible to apply to our nursing programs.

## 5. Q: Can I take the nursing classes online or at night?

A: No. We do not offer any of our nursing classes online or at night.

## 6. Q: Can I take more classes a semester or during the summer to get ahead and finish the program earlier?

A: No. Our program is set up on a strict curriculum and there are no variances allowed from that curriculum.

## 7. Q: Will my classes from another college transfer to SPC?

A: All non-nursing courses that were taken at Regionally Accredited College/University should transfer with no problem, but you will need to check with the registrar to be sure. If you are trying to transfer nursing courses into our program from another nursing program you will have to discuss that with the Director of our program. The Director must look at the program you were at and how the courses were taught to see if they will be able to substitute for our courses and all nursing courses must be completed within one year to be considered for transfer. On average most nursing courses will not transfer into our program because every program is set up differently.