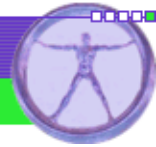




electronic learning in nursing education

eLine



Information for Prospective Del Mar College eLine Students

Thank you for your interest in eLine. First, note that you must be in Texas to apply for eLine. At the present time we do not accept out of State students. At this time we are not accepting students who wish to transfer from another nursing program.

eLine started as a partnership between Del Mar College and Texas A&M University Corpus Christi to bring generic nursing education to the online environment. It provides an alternative method for completion of nursing education for eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). In order to participate in eLine you must be admitted to either Del Mar College or TAMUCC and be accepted into the nursing program for that school. You choose the school. To be accepted to eLine you must complete all of the prerequisites for the school you have chosen and meet the nursing program admission requirements.

Begin by looking at the nursing program website for Del Mar College. View the information session at www.delmar.edu/rn. This will give you the admission requirements and the admission process. eLine is merely an online delivery of our nursing program not a separate program. If you have never taken an online course, consider taking a prerequisite course online. Online learning is not for every learning style. Online courses can actually be more time intensive than on-campus courses. You must be able to learn independently and be very self-disciplined. For availability of prerequisite courses check the course schedule on the Del Mar College website.

If you are not in Corpus Christi you need to know that at the present time you will have to come to Corpus Christi for all clinical and lab experiences. The time for clinical will vary depending on the course that you are in. Most are two days a week for 4-8 weeks. Your clinical is done when you finish the modules for each course. Every student must complete fundamentals (level one) clinical in Corpus Christi with a Del Mar College nursing faculty member. Clinicals for level 2, 3 and bridge are offered in both group and preceptor format. Groups are scheduled throughout the semesters and provide the fastest way to complete a clinical experience. Level four clinical is a preceptored experience.

Do not apply for eLine if you are not very comfortable using a computer. You must know how to work with files and folders including creating, uploading, downloading, and saving files. You will also be utilizing online research databases. You must have a broadband internet connection.

Beginning Fall 2009 there will be an additional pre requisite. You must complete Speech 1315.

You must complete the READI indicator for online course success. This is not a test but will give you a general overview of your ability to be success in the online learning environment. READI takes approximately 25 minutes to complete and will give you immediate feedback. Go to <http://delmar.readi.info>. The user name is elinefall07 and the password is fall07.

There is no summer admission for eLine. If you plan to enter in the Fall semester you must submit your nursing department application by [April 1st](#). If you plan to enter in the Spring semester you must submit your nursing department application by [October 1st](#). On the application you must choose either the eLine delivery system or the on campus delivery system. You may not apply for both. If you decide that eline is not for you, you may not automatically transfer to the on-campus delivery method. You would need to withdraw from the eline courses and seek readmission to on-campus classes.

eLine is semi-self paced (you have three academic semesters to finish each course including the corresponding clinical). Some eLine students have completed the program in as little as 18 months. You must complete the program in 4 years.

After viewing the website, information session, and taking READI, if you have questions e-mail Shelley Dinkens, Del Mar College eLine Coordinator, at sdinkens@delmar.edu .