

Study habits:

The class I am currently doing well in is literature. I believe the reasoning behind my success in this class is because writing has always come easy to me and it's something I'd say I rather enjoy doing. I know I need assistance in both my chemistry and chemistry lab classes. I haven't done anything yet to help myself in those classes but I know moving forward I will be going to office hours and improving my study habits.

Transition to College:

I can say that the expectations I had coming to college were much different than I expected. I expected to immediately fit in and find friends very early on, and I expected to feel more independent. Of course, there is a part of me that feels that independence but it hasn't changed as much as I thought it would when coming here. I think it surprised me that I gradually made good friends in my classes and branched out in conversations in talking to others, along with joining a sorority. Yes, these expectations have come to fruition for me as I am now accepting the way of college and becoming more comfortable here every day. The toughest transition for me is not having my mom by my side 24/7. Growing up I was always attached to the hip with my mom and not being around her all the time has been the hardest. I got so far as to think about moving back home for college, but I quickly overcame that and realized that she was a phone call away and I couldn't depend on my mother my whole life.

Major:

I have learned that nursing comes with a lot more responsibilities and knowledge than I expected before first coming here. I thought nursing was less complex. My feelings have not changed about my intended major though I have thought about different majors I could see myself excelling in, but knowing how passionate nursing is to me is bigger than a major I am interested in at the moment. I am interested in learning more about sociology and psychology and placing one of the two as a minor someday in the future. I have struggled my whole life with mental health and I find it fascinating learning about how things work and why.

Connecting to campus:

One of the biggest problems I've encountered this semester is giving myself the time to study. I know ways I can utilize my time is going to tutor sessions, asking for help and sitting and taking the time to study. I think the friends I've made in my sorority, and my roommate have helped me tremendously through this semester as taking the time to listen to the issues that I struggle with here at school along with reassuring me that I am not alone when it comes to the

college life ei school work, homework, finding my way around. I wanted to join the softball club meeting but I didn't feel motivated enough to at the time, on top of all my school work it wasn't my main priority.

Guest Speaker/Field trips:

I enjoyed going to the health sciences building and learning about nuclear medicine. It was something I never heard of and I was intrigued by the hands-on activities/administrations that were taught in class. Nuclear medicine ties in with the field of nursing by needing to know the amount of medicine you give to a patient, the measurements, etc. I feel as if learning more about nuclear medicine could help me in the nursing field in many ways. I would like to engage with a speaker who talks more specifically about the path I want to take with nursing. More of a hands-on experience and exposure to those experiences.