

Mid semester reflection

Study habits

The class I am doing the best in right now is college algebra. I feel I am doing well in this class mainly because of the professor. She is really passionate about her teaching, she explains the problems very well and she really knows how to explain any of the questions you ask her. The class I need help in is Chemistry. I know what I am doing and I understand it well. My grade doesn't show it right now because of how I studied for the first exam. Even though I was pretty confident with the test and how I was studying I found out when I took the exam that I was not studying the correct stuff and it didn't really stick in my head like I had thought it did. The biggest change I made with my study habits that I stated in my pre-semester reflection is I no longer study with friends. After my first exam I quickly found out that that did not work for me like I had originally thought it would. I have now started doing homework with friends and studying alone.

Transition to College

Coming to college especially 2 states away I was expecting it to be very challenging with missing family and friends from my hometown. These expectations have not really come to fruition because I see my family all the time and coming here I realized that I needed to get away from my hometown and some of the people that I was friends with back home. My experience so far is different than I expected it to be because I have not missed my hometown like I originally thought I would. I was also not expecting to have so many people around to support me through my first semester. The thing that surprised me the most is how friendly everyone has been. Living on campus the toughest thing is definitely the down size from my room at home to the size of the dorm room. Another thing that was tough to adjust too was the food choices especially as a picky eater. At home I never really ate out but here I feel like that's all I can eat which I am not a fan of.

Major

One thing I learned about nursing that I was not aware of at the beginning of the semester is that there are a lot of branches of nursing you can choose from. My feelings about my major have not changed but some days I second guess my choice. My second guesses are because I don't have experience in the field and I feel like a lot of people here do and also because of the limited spaces in the nursing program. I am interested in learning more about Medical Laboratory Scientists.

Connecting to Campus

One small but annoying problem I have faced this semester is my university card not unlocking the door to the Jim Jarret Athletic building. I have reached out to the card center and I am waiting for it to be fixed. One person who has really helped me this semester is my roommate. She has helped me not be so shy all the time and if it weren't for her I probably would've gone home early into the semester. I have not attended any interest meetings for a club because I am already a part of the cheer team so I'm not sure if I will have time for a club but I have looked at some clubs I am interesting in incase I decide to join one.