





## Fall Semester Pre-Assessment





Coming to college is always something I thought of as a future endeavor. Now that I'm here, there are so many activities going on and events to go to. I think personally something I'm most excited for for the first semester of college is getting settled in to have a schedule again. Because of Covid-19, having a normal everyday schedule has not even been a thought in anybody's heads. I am expecting to have many daily challenges in my everyday life. One of the challenges I think will be the hardest for me to overcome are the early morning classes. I am not a morning person, so waking up super early to learn is going to be super difficult to maintain. Currently I do not have any other commitments other than school, so honestly I do not have a reason to be slacking on my work. Studying is the only other commitment that I will be putting a lot of time into, probably about 20 hours a week on studying; my education is really important to me. In high school, I could not participate in any organizations at school because dancing with a competitive team outside of school took up a majority of my time. I would love to join the Nurses Association, but I'm not sure what grade you have to be in to join, but I would love to join as soon as possible. I feel as though joining an association that is correlated with my major will be extremely beneficial to me because it'll get me going with a head start of what to expect carrying out my major in the right direction.

My intended major is nursing, and I chose this major because of the fact that I have always wanted to work in the hospital, whether it was being a doctor or being a nurse. Being a nurse is more of my interest because my mom is a nurse, and she loves it more and more everyday, plus I have always wanted to be able to help children and make them feel the best they can while they're still here. I possess a number of leadership skills that will allow me to be successful in this field. I work very easily in groups, I'm a great communicator, and I love taking the lead. When I was about 14 years old, I volunteered at an autism clinic, where I was able to chart patients' records, talk to disabled children in the waiting room, and be the light that kids saw before their appointment, and for that reason alone, I would love to be in a facility where I am able to be hands-on with the kids. In 5-10 years it is my dream to be able to work in a hospital working with kids who have cancer. My dad passed away from pancreatic cancer, so that is the prime reason I admire the chemo and radiology that goes into the whole process of healing.



I expect the biggest difference between high school and college to be the workload. In high school, I have always been able to fly by without studying and ace all of my classes, and I am expecting college to be the exact opposite, primarily for the reason that I will be taking classes according to my career goal in life. There is, in fact, a difference in homework and studying. Homework is doing the work provided and being done with it, studying is taking extra time away from guided material to improve one's skills on the particular subject. There are different classes where my priorities are a little bit higher, only because I feel those classes will benefit me more in the future. I am taking Elementary Statistics, and although I am good at math, I feel I may need a little bit more assistance in this course. I'm also taking a Chemistry lecture and lab. I will be studying tremendously for this course, because this course will benefit me greatly for being in the medical field. I'm taking Interpreting the American Past, which I will



definitely need to study a lot for because I'm awful at history, and I need to get better at it. The next course I will be taking is Sociology, which ultimately helps me a lot in the medical field, so I will be studying quite a bit for this class. The last class I will be taking is Introduction to the Health Professions, which I feel like I might need to study a bit for because it might be the class that will benefit me the most out of all of them. I plan to study either in the Library or the Webb center, because studying in the dorm just will not be good for me because I will just want to crawl into bed. I plan to avoid distractions at the Webb by going to a center where it is quiet, and not the main hub for people to be conversing with one another. I think studying at night will benefit me the most because I think better at night, especially since I am a night owl. Repeating the same material over and over in my head will help me the most because it engraves it into my mind like no other techniques will, in my opinion. I'm excited for a great semester and can't wait to learn more about the Health Professions!

