

Success Tips

Schedule time to study based on the difficulty of the content. Use this table as a guide:

Course Difficulty	Study Hours Per Week Per Hour in Class
High Difficulty Course	3 hours
Medium Difficulty Course	2 hours
Low Difficulty Course	1 hour

http://www.usu.edu/arc/StudySmart/pdf/estimating_study_hours.pdf

For example, Introduction to Professional Nursing may be a low difficulty course for you. The course meets 2 hours a week so you should study 2 hours a week outside of class to do well in the course. On the other hand, Common Concepts of Adult Health Nursing, a 4 hour per week course, is a high difficulty course. You should schedule 12 hours of study each week to succeed in this class.

2. Read assignments before class. Here are some strategies for getting the most out of your college textbooks:

- 4 Steps to Reading a Textbook:

<http://www.studyright.net/blog/4-steps-to-reading-a-textbook-quickly-and-effectively/>

- Active Reading Strategies:

<http://www.princeton.edu/mcgraw/library/for-students/remember-reading/>

- The Reading Cycle: Plan-Do-Review

<http://www2.swccd.edu/~asc/lrnlinks/txtrdg.html>

How to Read Your Textbooks More Efficiently College Info Geek
(video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgVjmFSx7rg>

- 5 Active Reading Strategies for Textbook Assignments College Info Geek (video)

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Study for Success:

1. Avoid procrastination
2. Delay gratification
3. Develop test taking and study skills
4. Join a study group
5. Go to tutoring
6. Work only if necessary
7. Get a mentor
8. Attend an NCLEX review course

Philistin, C. S. (2012). Everything You Need to Know About Nursing School Success: Getting Your BSN Degree. [S.l.]: BrainMass Inc.