

UTICA CAMPUS – GRADUATE ORIENTATION FAQ's

Am I required to attend the Utica on campus Graduate Orientation program?

Orientation is a required program for all graduate nursing students. All other graduate students are strongly encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory. We believe that Orientation is a time to learn first-hand about all things SUNY Poly, and is a great way to prepare for your transition to graduate school.

What do we do during Orientation?

During Orientation, you have the opportunity to connect with other incoming students, as well as faculty and staff. While on campus, you will meet with faculty in your program and review your academic plan. You will learn how to utilize resources and support services available on campus. Orientation sets you up for success for your graduate experience!

How long will Orientation take?

Check-in begins at 10 am. The program starts at 10:30 am and is estimated to run until 4 pm. In the afternoon students will meet with their academic advisors, and the length of those sessions can vary based on department needs.

Will I register for classes during my Orientation session?

Students can register themselves after they have confirmed their seat by paying the tuition deposit and completed the online Essentials Orientation program. While on campus you will meet with faculty advisors to review and make adjustments to your schedule if needed.

What should I bring with me to Orientation?

Please bring any outstanding paperwork you still need to hand in to various offices. This can include but is not limited to: Health and immunization records, financial aid paperwork, official transcripts from your undergraduate colleges and universities, etc. You may want to bring a light sweatshirt or sweater, as our Student Center is air conditioned. If you plan to register your car for parking, you will need your license plate number. Feel free to bring a laptop if you would like to log in during sessions.

Where and what time do we check-in to Orientation?

Check-in will begin at the Student Center at 10 am. Our program will begin at 10:30am. Early arrival to visit offices on campus is encouraged from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. You may visit the Bookstore, Financial Aid, Bursar's Office, the Health & Wellness Center, as well as obtain a Student ID Card, and take care of a parking pass with University Police. [Directions and Campus Map](#)

Can I see the Orientation schedule ahead of time?

Orientation is a mix of academically focused sessions, and some informational topics. You will receive an email in the weeks leading up to orientation with a drafted schedule.

What happens if I can't attend my Orientation session?

Orientation is a required program for all graduate nursing students. This was publicized frequently during the admission process, and students are expected to make appropriate arrangements. If there is

a conflict and as a nursing student you cannot attend Orientation, you will need to email graduate@sunypoly.edu to connect you with an appropriate faculty advisor. Exemptions are not guaranteed and are handled on a case by case basis. All other graduate programs are highly encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory.

Will I receive my student ID at Orientation?

You can arrive early to visit Auxiliary Services in Kunsela Hall room A217 to obtain your student ID. Please bring photo identification.