

Triage Day

On April 11, we had our triage day as fourth-semester students. I was a little nervous about it just because we heard about it throughout the two years at Lakeview, and it is always different from the previous semesters, so you don't know what to expect. For this semester's triage day, we had an escape room setup based on actual disaster events. For our simulation, we were nurses in Memorial Hospital, and our hospital was flooded. Our job was to triage our clients and determine which would be evacuated depending on the scenario we were given. In some scenarios, the evacuation crew, boat, or helicopter could only evacuate a certain number of clients, weight, or triage-colored clients. In other scenarios, some of us had to run around the campus while "transporting" our clients to the helicopter.

During the simulation, it was a little stressful to triage over 30 clients and decide the color to assign them all within a time limit. Sometimes we ran out of time because we could not decide who to choose. However, I think my team did a great job and we all did great at leading and giving directions. Overall, I thought triage day was a different experience. It was not what I expected, but it challenged me to think and make decisions quickly. Also, it was a great team-building exercise. I think our group worked well together and built up our teamwork. I wish we had gotten some feedback on our triaging decisions to see if we initially triaged the clients correctly and if our choices would have been correct.