

TITLE: STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

POLICY: The College of Nursing & Health has a comprehensive testing program for all students in the pre-licensure baccalaureate nursing programs. Standardized tests are administered throughout and at the conclusion of the nursing program.

PROCEDURE: Specialty/Mid-Curricular Exam Policy Students will be required to take HESI assessment tests (specialty tests) pertaining to each of the major course content areas. Each specialty test will be administered near the end of the course. Students are required to take each exam at the designated time. Testing will occur on campus and will be proctored.

1. Students will be required to take nationally, normed tests throughout the curriculum. Each exam is given as a part of a clinical course in the pre-licensure BSN curriculum.
2. **Students should strive for a score of 850 each time which is considered “satisfactory performance” by HESI.** Students who score 850 or above are considered to have **mastered** the content for the area tested. At the end of each testing period, the student should take that opportunity to review the individualized test analysis provided, and plan to take steps to improve in area deficient of the 850 score. Students may also seek assistance from the Student Success coordinator or the designated person at Lake Campus for remediation or success resources.
3. The specialty exam will count for 10% of the grade in the course in which the exam is given. If the conversion score is 99.99% it will be converted to 100%.
4. Students have one opportunity to take the exam – it cannot be repeated.
5. The conversion score will not be included in the 75% average required on course exams to pass the course.
6. Make up exams will only be given to students with documented extenuating circumstances.

Any student who earns below the passing score of 850 on the specialty HESI exam in a nursing course will be required to complete individualized remediation.

1. It is the responsibility of the student to complete the required individualized remediation based on results from the specialty HESI examination.
2. Students must submit documentation of completion of HESI remediation to the Student Success Coordinator or the designated person at Lake Campus during finals week. Determination of adequate remediation will be made by the Student Success Coordinator or the designated person at Lake Campus.
 - a. If documentation of remediation is not received by the end of the semester, the Student Success Coordinator or the designated person at Lake Campus will notify the Course Coordinator and an incomplete (I) will be submitted for the course grade.

HESI Exit Exam Policy

The Exit Exam is a comprehensive computerized exam that uses the same test blueprint as is used by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing for the NCLEX-RN and is predictive of success on the NCLEX- RN examination. **A student who scores 850 or above on the Exit Exam has an “average probability” of passing NCLEX on the first attempt according to HESI.**

1. The **first** exit exam will count for 10% of the grade in NUR 4460 (traditional). If the conversion score is 99.99% it will be converted to 100%.
2. The conversion score will not be included in the 75% average required on course exams to pass the course.

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3. Any costs for retesting (or taking additional nursing courses) as required in this policy are the sole responsibility of the student. The cost of taking the exam the first time is included in the course lab fees.
4. Students are required to take the exam at the designated time. Testing will occur on campus and will be proctored. Make up exams will only be given to students with documented extenuating circumstances.

Students will have two attempts to pass the HESI exit exam during their last semester.

1. HESI #1 will be taken during week 2 but no later than week 3 of the final semester (NUR 4460).
 - a. Any student who earns below the score of 850 on the first HESI exit exam will be required to complete individualized remediation based on the results from the exit HESI exam.
 - b. Students must submit documentation of completion of HESI remediation to the Student Success Coordinator or the designated person at Lake Campus by the deadline established which will be prior to the second attempt.
2. HESI #2 will be taken during week 10 of the final semester (NUR 4460).
 - a. Any student who earns below 850 on the second attempt will be required to complete individualized remediation based on the results from the exit HESI exam.
 - b. Students must submit documentation of completion of HESI remediation to the Student Success Coordinator or the designated person at Lake Campus by the deadline established

Failure to achieve a score of at least 850 on the Exit Exam indicates the student is not fully mastering content and is a warning to the student that the student is at serious risk of failing NCLEX-RN and should aggressively remediate based on the analysis provided.

RATIONALE: The series of HESI assessment tests were selected because of their reliability and validity in assessing students' readiness for success on NCLEX-RN exam. These exams contribute to the determination of students' mastery of content in nursing courses. Additionally, the exams assess ability to apply knowledge using critical thinking skills and assist students in identifying strengths and areas of needed improvement.

Any costs for retesting or taking additional nursing courses as required in this policy are the sole responsibility of the student.

Student Name (printed) _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Semester enrolled in first nursing course: _____

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