

Pre Licensure BSN Student Comprehensive Testing Policy

The testing program correlates with success in nursing by using scheduled exams that are required for progression. Students are required to achieve a target score (identified through psychometric analysis) on standardized tests throughout the nursing curriculum (these are starred on the chart below). This score is identified through psychometric analysis as consistent with success in nursing and reflects VSU College of Nursing's academic standards for student performance. As data on test performance is developed and as the benchmarks for academic achievement in the nursing program advance, this score may change. The actual score is also dependent upon which version of the test is administered. Students may request information regarding the required score for each test administered by contacting the **College of Nursing Administrative office**.

1. Any student who does not receive a satisfactory score on a starred (*) exam, **should develop an individual remediation plan. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor.**
2. **Students who fail to meet required score will be notified of the procedure to schedule the retest.**
3. **Additional fees may be required for repeated attempts.**
4. Every student is expected to meet with their academic advisor, each term and as needed. The advisor will assess their progress, recommend appropriate remediation.
5. The exception to this policy is the Senior Capstone Exit Exam, which is a course requirement for passing the capstone nursing course, NURS 4225, Professional Nursing Practice. The student must earn a specified passing score for the RN-assessment exit exam to pass the course. The target score is determined by psychometric testing documentation that predicts success on the RN NCLEX examination.

The graphical illustration of the testing progression policy is on the next page.

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Progression Plan

Standardized Progression Tests to be taken:

Nurse Entrance exam to be taken prior to admission

Student Level for Exam	Topic Area	Timeline	Progression Criteria
Junior I	Critical Thinking Fundamentals* Pharmacology*	Taken at Junior I Orientation First attempt must be taken at the successful completion of NURS 3103 & NURS 3111 First attempt must be taken at the successful completion of NURS 3102	All Junior I exams must be passed prior progression into Senior I clinical coursework.
Junior II	<i>No specific exams assigned to Junior II coursework.</i>		
Senior I	Maternity* Children* Nursing of Adults*	First attempt must be taken at the successful completion of NURS 4123 First attempt must be taken at the successful completion of NURS 4113	All Senior I exams must be passed prior to progression into nursing capstone course
Senior II	Critical Thinking Exit Capstone Exit**	Must be taken during enrollment in nursing capstone course.	Capstone Exit exam must be passed for successful completion of nursing capstone to meet graduation requirements.

** Test is required for progression and successful completion of the program.
All tests will be administered on campus and proctored by the College of Nursing staff.*

*** Satisfactory score of the Capstone Exit Exam is a course requirement for passing nursing capstone course.*