

## **Department of Nursing Progression Policy: Testing Across the Curriculum**

Research indicates standardized NCLEX-like exams and completion of individualized remediation throughout nursing programs improve students' predictive success for NCLEX RN (Nibert, Young, & Britt, 2006; Morrison, Adamson, Nibert, & Hsia, 2008). A score of 900 or above is the recommended performance on the HESI exams for NCLEX RN success and is the standard for the HESI specialty exams and the HESI RN Exit Exam (HESI, 2010, p. 27).

To improve mastery of content, any student scoring <900 on an exam is required to complete and submit an individualized remediation plan with printed confirmation to the course instructor by the end of that semester's finals week or by arrangement with the instructor. The individualized remediation plan is sent to the student by HESI after the exam. Students who do not comply with this remediation policy will not progress to the next level. In the last semester of the nursing program, all remediation for specialty exams given that semester must be completed prior to sitting for the RN Exit HESI.

### **HESI Exit Exam**

The HESI RN Exit exam will be administered a minimum of two weeks prior to final exam week to assist students in preparation for the NCLEX RN exam. A score of 900 is considered recommended performance for NCLEX RN success. The student will have two opportunities to obtain a score of 900 on the RN Exit HESI. Any student who scores < 900 on the first RN Exit HESI exam will complete the individualized remediation plan associated with that exam before taking the RN Exit HESI the second time.

A student scoring <900 on the second RN Exit HESI must complete the HESI individualized remediation plan for that exam and an approved formal remediation course. At completion of all remediation, the Shawnee State University Department of Nursing will submit documentation to the Board of Nursing confirming eligibility for the NCLEX RN.

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