

# CENTRA

# COLLEGE OF NURSING

## ACADEMIC CATALOG & STUDENT HANDBOOK

### Catalog ADDENDUM: Medication Dosage Calculations **Competency Testing Policy**

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## Medication Dosage Calculation Competency Testing Policy

### Policy Statement:

To show evidence that students are progressing in their ability to perform calculations accurately, all students will be administered a Medication Dosage Calculation Competency Test that demonstrates satisfactory performance each semester of the program.

- A. A Medication Dosage Calculation Competency Test will be administered each semester in the concept-based curriculum in **one course at each level** in both the Associate Degree and Practical Nursing programs.
  - a. First semester Medication Dosage Calculation Competency Test will be administered the end of the semester.
  - b. Second, Third and Fourth Semester Medication Dosage Calculation Competency Test will be administered the first week of class.
  - c. Each test for each level will be administered in the form of 20 questions and will be provided to students during scheduled class time.
- B. Each semesters Medication Dosage Competency Test will be comprised of questions/problems that are to the expected competency level of the student.
- C. Students must perform at the following level:
  - a. First semester students must obtain a minimum grade of 80
  - b. Second semester students must obtain a minimum grade of 90
  - c. Third semester and fourth semester students must obtain a grade of 100
- D. The students have **THREE** opportunities to achieve the minimal grade level.
  - a. Remediation is required prior to the second or third test attempt.
  - b. Remediation test two must be completed within three days of receiving the initial test grade.
  - c. Remediation test three must be completed within three days of receiving the second test grade.
  - d. Remediation tests must be different versions of the original Medication Dosage Competency Test.
- E. Students not successful on the **THIRD** test attempt in any semester will be administratively dismissed from the current semester.
  - a. If the student plans to return the following must be submitted to the Academic Director within one week of dismissal;
    - 1. Action plan to be successful for passing the Medication Dosage Calculation Competency Test.
    - 2. A written recommendation from a full-time faculty member that has taught the student in the previous/current semester.
- F. Students must be successful on the **FIRST ATTEMPT** of the Medication Dosage Calculation Competency Test upon **Re-entry** into the program.
  - a. Students unsuccessful on their **FIRST ATTEMPT** will be **Administratively Dismissed from the program.**