

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING
ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

TITLE OF POLICY: **COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION –
PRELICENSURE BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS**

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POLICY: All students graduating from the BSN program are required to take the comprehensive exam during their senior year/senior term. Those who do not achieve a satisfactory score are required to repeat the exam.

PROCEDURE: The comprehensive examination is a proctored exam that tests the student's ability to critically analyze, organize, and synthesize material learned over the total period of matriculation for the degree. The examination is composed of questions developed to assess the student's mastery of knowledge.

The comprehensive examination is administered by the BSN council in collaboration with Student Services, the Office of the Dean and the Center for Educational Technology and Instruction.

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