

**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 Diagnostic Examination and the BSN Comprehensive Examination during their final senior term. All students will be required to complete remediation on the Diagnostic Examination prior to sitting for the BSN Comprehensive Examination. Those students who do not achieve the benchmark score on the Diagnostic Examination will be required to attend a remediation session.

PROCEDURE: The Diagnostic examination and the BSN Comprehensive examination are proctored exams that test the students' ability to critically analyze, organize and synthesize material learned over the total period of matriculation for the degree.

The examinations are composed of questions developed to assess the student's mastery of knowledge in the nursing discipline.

The Diagnostic examination and the BSN Comprehensive examination are administered by the BSN Council in collaboration with Student Affairs and Alumni Relations, the Office of the Dean and the Center for Education Technology and Instruction.

BSN Comprehensive Exam results are sent to the Office of the Dean and Student Affairs and Alumni Relations in the School of Nursing for review and placement in the students' file.

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