

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

TITLE OF POLICY: **NCLEX-RN PREPARATORY EXAMINATIONS –
PRELICENSURE BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS**

ORIGINAL DATE: **FEBRUARY 2003**

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POLICY: All students graduating from the BSN program are required to take the Diagnostic Examination during their final senior term. All students will be required to complete remediation on the Diagnostic 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 is a proctored exam that tests 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 is administered under the direction of the BSN Council in collaboration with Student Affairs and Alumni Relations, the Office of the Dean and the Center for Education Technology and Instruction.

The results of the Diagnostic Examination 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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