

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

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

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POLICY: All students graduating from the BSN program are required to take the Comprehensive Examination during their final senior term. All students will be required to complete remediation on the Comprehensive Examination.

PROCEDURE: The Comprehensive 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 Comprehensive 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 Health Sciences Information Technology staff at the School of Nursing. The Comprehensive Examination is a component of the course requirements for NUR 1990 Senior Seminar. Completion of the Comprehensive Examination and remediation are required for successfully passing NUR 1990. The process includes the following:

1. Complete the Practice Pharmacology Exam and required remediation
2. Complete proctored Pharmacology Exams
3. Complete the Practice Comprehensive Exam and remediation on the practice Comprehensive Exam
4. Complete the Proctored Comprehensive Exam and complete required remediation
5. Attend all sessions of the NCLEX-RN Review Course

The results of the Comprehensive 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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