POLICY: Mandatory Participation in HESI Specialty and Exit Examinations and Kaplan Integrated Testing and NCLEX-RN® Preparation

It is the policy of the Nursing Program at The University of Pittsburgh at Titusville that nursing students participate in a variety of HESI and Kaplan testing and related remediation activities throughout the nursing curriculum. The Cohort Class of 2018 will utilize both resources and the Cohort Class of 2019 will utilize Kaplan exclusively.

Rationale:

HESI and Kaplan exams and related remediation activities provide multiple benefits for the students:

(1) They provide students an opportunity to master taking exams that simulate the actual NLCEX-RN® Examination taken post-graduation for licensure.

(2) They provide students comparative feedback of their performance to benchmarking local and national data as well as their peers.

(3) They provide students specific nursing content analysis to individualize remedial exercises to identify and strengthen areas of limitation, better prepare for nursing courses and for taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination for licensure.

HESI and Kaplan exam results and related remediation activities provide multiple benefits for the nursing program.

(1) They provide specific content analysis about an individual student’s performance to assist faculty members in advising and counseling to be successful first-time NCLEX-RN® Examination test-takers post-graduation.

(2) They provide faculty members and the Director with summative and collective data to use for curriculum development and improvement.

Procedure:

- HESI and Kaplan exams will be scheduled by nursing faculty members and the Director throughout the curriculum.

- HESI and Kaplan exams will be scheduled outside of class time when possible.

- Notification of the exam dates and times will be identified in the corresponding course curriculum calendars.
The HESI and Kaplan resources are a required component of the nursing course in which it is administered. The allotted points are at the discretion and agreement of faculty. The points allotted will not exceed 10% of the total course points. The point distribution will be noted in the corresponding syllabus. Cohort Class of 2018 student’s not achieving the benchmark 850 score on Version 1 of any exam are required to retest on Version 2. The better of the two scores will be recorded.

All students must demonstrate completion of assignments, including remediation, as directed by nursing faculty and the Director. Failure to do so may result in the student not passing the course.

The Director of the Nursing Program exercises the right to withhold release of a graduate nurse’s Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing – Nurse Education Verification (NEV) document until such time as the graduate nurse demonstrates completion of remediation exercises utilizing the HESI and Kaplan on-line resources. These specific resources must be utilized to enable the Director to monitor the graduate nurse’s progress and preparation for being a successful first-time NCLEX-RN® Examination test-taker. The graduate nurse acknowledges that failure to complete the required remediation post-graduation will result in a delay in their ability to take the exam for licensure.

See Policy C – 1 Curriculum Progression regarding missed exams.

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