

Dosage Competency Exam Policy Addendum

The two dosage competency policies below have been removed from the student nursing handbook at the bottom of page 29. The exams are being put into the 331 and 431 didactic exam grades.

~~Dosage Competency Exams Policy~~

~~The faculty at Marian University Leighton School of Nursing (LSON) continues to focus on patient safety and strives to foster health care environments that are free of medication administration error. As a result, LSON has established this dosage calculation/math competency policy. Pre-licensure students are required to successfully pass established competency exams administered in NSG 331 (at the 300 level) and NSG 431 (at the 400 level). Each competency exam must be passed with a score of 90% or higher. Failure to attain a minimum score of 90% may result in course failure.~~

~~Dosage Competency Exam Operationalization~~

~~Students in NSG 331 and NSG 431 will take an initial calculation/math exam during the first week of class. Any student that is unsuccessful will meet with the faculty and review the first exam and develop a written self-study plan to be successful. The student will take a second exam before the end of the second week of the course. Supervised medication administration with the clinical faculty in all clinical classes will not be interrupted. If a student fails to meet the 90% on the second exam, the faculty and the student will develop a written conference report indicating that if the student is unable to meet the standard the student will fail the course clinically. The conference report will include timing for additional faculty instruction, regular meetings with a student tutor and a requirement to attend a "dealing with test anxiety session" with The Counseling Center. Prior to the end of the course the faculty and student will determine a final testing date and time. The student is required to meet the 90% passing score to be successful in the clinical course.~~

The changes to this paragraph on the bottom of page 29 and top of 30 are listed below, additions are in yellow and deletions are struck through.

Maintaining Dosage Competency **Dosage Calculation Competency**

Students are expected to **demonstrate** medication calculation and administration **competence** in the clinical setting and on exams. **After successful completion of NSG 251: Pharmacology and Dosage with Lab 1 all clinical classes** will include medication calculation and administration questions on each exam. Faculty will monitor and assist students with remediation of missed medication exam questions. Students will also be required to show medication calculation of all medications for their assigned patients (even when not administering) and administer medications safely on the clinical unit with the clinical instructor. ~~Any discrepancies or errors will be included in the student clinical evaluation and may result in clinical failure.~~