

## Kaplan Testing Program Policy Addendum

**The addendum to the LSON Student Handbook noted below replaces the paragraph under “NCLEX Preparation Testing Platform Policy” on page 30. This is the existing policy which has not changed since January 2024 that is published in all nursing course syllabi.**

The Marian University LSON uses Kaplan Integrated tests as a resource for students to become familiar with NCLEX style testing. According to Kaplan, the tests are designed to challenge basic nursing students and provide feedback regarding students’ ability to recall information, understand concepts, set priorities, and make nursing judgments. This means Kaplan is evaluating testing ability, not necessarily specific content. However, it can inform faculty about a student’s knowledge and learning deficits in specific content areas.

1. Students will be oriented to the Kaplan Program.
2. Kaplan Integrated Tests will be administered across the curriculum.
3. Students will complete Test Reflections (see appendix).
4. Students who are unsuccessful in a course will have to retake the relevant Kaplan Integrated when repeating the course.
5. 200 Level Nursing Courses: Kaplan Focus Review and/or Integrated tests will be given in the 200 level courses. Remediation will be awarded points based on the provided rubric.
6. 300 Level Nursing Courses: Integrated Kaplan tests will be given in the 300 level courses (307, 317, 331, 335). The points will be awarded for score on the test. The scoring will be as follows: 5 % for scores in the 70-100 percentile range, 4.5% for scores in the 60th percentile, 4% for scores in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, 3.5% for scores in the 40th percentile and 3% for scores in the 30th percentile. If the score is below the 30th percentile, the student will receive 2%.
7. 400 Level Nursing Courses: Integrated Kaplan tests will be given in the 400 level courses (431, 441, 451). The points will count as a test score along with the other course exams and will not exceed 10% of the course grade. The scoring will be as follows: 100% for scores in the 70-100 percentile range, 90% for scores in the 60th percentile, 85% for scores in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, 80% for scores in the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile, and 75% for scores in the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile or below (excludes Diagnostic exam).
8. The stated integrated tests are the required tests for each course. Instructors may assign, and are encouraged to assign, other Kaplan tests and assignments according to each course that will best prepare the students for success.
9. Kaplan Secure Predictor: The Secure Predictor will be given during the final weeks of the NSG 493 course to determine the probability of passing the NCLEX. The grade posted in the class will be the prediction rate posted on the Predictor. The predictor score will be 15% of NSG 493 course. NSG 493 will also administer the Diagnostic exam, as well as Test Trainers, to prepare the students to pass the predictor. The Diagnostic exam will be scored based on the probability to pass the NCLEX.
10. Students are required to take the Kaplan NCLEX-RN Review Course in the final semester
11. Provided students are cleared by the Business Office, state licensure application documents will be sent. If there is any business hold on an account, documents cannot be sent until the hold is Cleared.

