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**TITLE:**           **BACCALAUREATE BENCHMARK EXAMINATION POLICY**

**POLICY:**           The College of Nursing (CON) requires completion of a series of special benchmark examinations for all baccalaureate students.

**RATIONALE:**      The benchmark examination series helps prepare students to be successful on the National Council Licensing Examination which is required for licensure as a registered nurse. In addition, the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) Examination satisfies the Florida Board of Governors and University of Florida requirements for nursing student learning outcomes prior to graduation.

**PROCEDURE:**

- I.     Students will be provided an overview of the procedures used for benchmark examinations by the Office for Academic Affairs at the end of the first semester of study. This office has the responsibility for the overall examination process.

Preparation for benchmark exams is reinforced in courses throughout the curriculum. In addition, **students are responsible for their own preparation using required and recommended resources.**

- III.   The required benchmark examination series is as follows:
  - A.    The Hesi Mid-Curricular Examination is administered to all students during the second semester of study and is a required evaluation method for *NUR 3738 Systems of Care 2: Restoration of Wellness*. Students will receive individual feedback on exam results. Students scoring below 850 will be referred to the Director of Student Success for remediation.
  - B.    The HESI Exit Examination is administered to all students during the fourth semester course of study and is a required evaluation method for *NUR 4748, Systems of Care: Multi-system Care*. Students will receive individual feedback on exam results.

The cutoff score for passing the Hesi Exit examination is 850 and above. Students scoring below 850 will be referred to the the Director of Student Success for remediation.

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