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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
COLLEGE OF NURSING

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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 (NCLEX) which is required for licensure as a registered nurse. A standardized, nationally normed examination is given in each course designated as a critical tracking requirement as part of the University of Florida Universal Tracking Policy
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PROCEDURE:

- I. Students will be provided an overview of the procedures used for benchmark examinations by the Office for Academic Affairs during the first semester of upper division study. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs – Undergraduate Education has the responsibility for the overall examination process, in collaboration with the Assistant Dean for Student Services and course faculty.
- II. 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:
 - 5th Semester (NUR 3066C Clinical Reasoning Health Assessment) – RN Specialty Health Assessment
 - 6th Semester (NUR 3227C Principles of Personalized Nursing Care 2) – RN Specialty Fundamentals
 - 7th Semester (NUR 4768C Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Care: Adult Chronic Conditions) – RN Specialty Medical/Surgical
 - 8th Semester (NUR 4766C Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Nursing Care: Adult Complex Conditions) – RN Exit Exam
- IV. A minimum score on the examinations as determined by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs – Undergraduate Education in consultation with the faculty and stated in the course syllabus is required. Students who fail to obtain the minimum score must complete an individualized, self-study remediation plan and retake the exam to complete the course.