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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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Review or Approval Authority	Responsible Party	Initial Approval / Review	Most Recent Approval / Review Of Changes	Editorial Changes	Policy A-01 Review
Review	<b>Academic Affairs Committee</b>	07/11	2/21	12/23	2/21
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Approval	General Faculty	07/11	3/21	1/24	3/21
Approval	Dean	07/11	3/21	1/24	3/21

- **Bold indicates committee with A-01 responsibilities.**

**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 Associate Dean for Student Affairs 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:
  - Benchmark exams:
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Semester (NUR 3066C Clinical Reasoning Health Assessment) – RN Specialty Health Assessment

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-6<sup>th</sup> Semester (NUR 3227C Principles of Personalized Nursing Care 2) – RN Specialty Fundamentals

-7<sup>th</sup> Semester (NUR 4768C Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Care: Adult Chronic Conditions) – RN Specialty Medical/Surgical

-8<sup>th</sup> 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.