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All students must achieve a score of 90% on the Pharmacology and Parenteral Therapies Assessment in order to administer medications in the clinical area and pass clinical. The test is administered annually for Juniors and Senior Nursing students.

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Traditional and Accelerated Second degree (ASD) BSN nursing students are required to take a Pharmacology and Parenteral Therapy Competency Assessment once each academic year when enrolled in a clinical course. Junior level students will have three (3) opportunities to achieve a minimum score of 90% on the assessment. Senior level students will have two (2) opportunities to achieve a minimum score of 90% on the assessment. A student who fails to achieve a grade of 90% on the final retake cannot attend clinical and therefore will not be able to meet the course objectives.

For Junior nursing students, the first exam shall be given during the first week of October. For Senior nursing students, the first exam shall ordinarily be given at least 1-2 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student is enrolled in a clinical course. A student who does not receive a passing score on the first exam shall review the failed examination. The retake of the exam will be given within one week of the first exam and the second retake (for Junior nursing students) shall be given within one week after the first retake. Absence from an exam without prior notification to the faculty will constitute a failure for that exam. Please also refer to the "Missed Examination Policy".

Please note that both the ability to calculate and administer medications are critical behaviors that must be successfully validated each time a student is assigned to administer medications.

Missed Assessment/Examination

If a student is unable to take an exam or quiz on the scheduled date, the faculty member responsible for administering the exam or quiz must be notified electronically using the Coppin email system at least 24 hours before the scheduled time of administration. The student must have a documented reason for the missed assessment/examination, quiz, and/or assignment. The exam or quiz must be taken by the student no later than the next scheduled class day. The decision to give a make-up exam or quiz is at the discretion of the faculty. The format, content, and complexity of the alternate exam or quiz is also at the discretion of the faculty.