

Licensure Preparation

All students entering the undergraduate program in Fall 2002 and thereafter (who are not already RNs) are required to complete nationally normed tests throughout their undergraduate program of study. Individual course syllabi will indicate how this requirement is applied and what part of the course grade will be assigned to these tests. Successful completion of these course requirements is integral to successfully passing the courses. See HESI Section in the handbook for more information.

A satisfactory score is dictated by the comprehensive exam used and will be identified prior to the beginning of the semester in which the exam takes place. Each graduating student (who is not already a licensed RN) must also complete an approved NCLEX Review course in preparation for the NCLEX licensure examination as part of the program requirements. Students who achieve a score of **900** or better on the first HESI Comprehensive Exit Exam are exempt from the required NCLEX Review course although they may elect to participate in this review. The responsibility for the cost for the NCLEX Review course is that of the individual student. All program requirements must be met before a student can be certified as completing their degree requirements with the State of Michigan Licensing Board.

In order to begin a professional nursing career, successful writing of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) is required. The NCLEX-RN is administered by state boards of nursing as part of the process used to determine whether registered nurse candidates meet licensure requirements. The examination is developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to measure a candidate's ability to practice safely and effectively as a registered nurse in an entry-level position. It is designed to test the practical application of knowledge and skills in health care situations that occur frequently in entry-level nursing practice.

Graduates must satisfactorily complete the licensing examination before practicing as professional registered nurses (RNs).

Student Consent to Recording

Classes may be recorded by the College of Nursing for purposes including, but not limited to, online section viewing, video pod casting to students enrolled in the course for review, student illness, and absences associated with religious holidays and disability accommodations. Class recordings will be available to students through their password protected Blackboard site. Recording devices are prohibited in the classroom except with the instructor's permission.

HESI Exit Exam

NUR 4060 is an integration of knowledge of ethics, standards, and expectations of professional nursing roles with an emphasis on critical thinking. NUR 4060 also contains the HESI Exit Exam, the comprehensive exam required for graduation. Prior to graduation, students are evaluated based on a combination of case studies, quizzes and practice exams, as well as their score on the HESI Exit Exam. This exam is heavily weighted in the overall course grade based on its ability to predict success on NCLEX.

Students are allowed four attempts at successfully achieving a passing score on the HESI Exit Exam. The costs associated with the first two attempts are included in the students' fees and there is no additional charge. However, if a third or fourth exam is required, any and all costs

associated with those exams are the student's responsibility. Students will receive a grade of "Incomplete" until the 4th attempt has been scheduled and completed.

If the student still fails to achieve a score of 900 on the HESI Exit exam, the student will receive a grade of "C" in NUR 4060 and counseled by the ASO as to the possible implications of the score on successful completion of the NCLEX exam.