

Amended VN Student Policy 10/14/2024

The amended Standardization Test Policy for VN students is being made to clarify and reflect the changes adapted with the new curriculum established for 2024-2025 school year. FPC nursing program changed to Wolters Kluwer (WK) in August 2024 for all standardized testing throughout the academic year. This eliminates the need to use the previous version of HESI testing. The scoring for WK standardized testing is based on a traditional scoring system currently used for class grading and policy.

Nursing Grading Scale:

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 74.5-79

D: 59.5-74.4

F: Below 59.4

STANDARDIZE TESTING POLICY

1. Statistics show that Standardized testing is a very good indicator of successful completion of the NCLEX. Frank Phillips Vocational Nursing School will utilize standardized examinations as three separate assessment tools.

- a. An assessment tool for potential or enrolled students providing:
 - i. Data serving as one component of the admission criteria
 - ii. A gauge of students' strengths and weaknesses (for remediation purposes)
 - iii. An indicator of the need for early remediation for students experiencing difficulties to assist in their success in the program and
 - iv. A comprehensive predictor for performance on the NCLEX examination.
- b. An Assistive tool to familiarize students with computerized testing.
- c. An assessment tool of the program's effectiveness providing:
 - i. Trend data on cohort performance;
 - ii. National Comparison of student performance.

iii. Valid and reliable feedback of student knowledge in “standardized content areas;” iv. Data to monitor the effectiveness of specific courses, level, and program curriculum revisions.

v. An assessment measure of effectiveness of course content delivery; and

vi. An evaluation of curriculum content for revision purposes.

2. Standardized Exams will be placed across the curriculum with mandatory remediation as indicated based on the score a student receives.

3. The standardized exams will be tools used to assist in the identification of student strengths and weaknesses but will not be a replacement for the evaluation of the student progress in meeting specific program objectives.

4. Standardized Exams will be placed at appropriate points consistent with didactic content and clinical learning experiences and used along with multiple evaluation criteria.

5. Evidence indicates that a remediation plan for nursing students is helpful in promoting success on the NCLEX examination, therefore, Standardized examinations will be utilized as an indicator of the need for remediation, and it is recognized that this is only one strategy to assist nursing students in successful preparation for licensure.

STANDARDIZED EXAM FINAL

1. A standardized exam will be given at the end of all courses if applicable with WK. This is a comprehensive exam covering the material in that course and is used to predict the student’s performance in the VN/PN Exit exam. Maternity is combined with the Pediatric test Med Surg 1 & 2 are given together as well in the WK standardized testing.

2. Students are expected to score 85 or better on each of these standardized exams.

3. The student will receive a Remediation Plan and Contract from their clinical instructor indicating what is required.

4. The student must complete the specified remediation in the contract within the time designated.

5. Remediation activities will be selected by the student from their exam student report. This will allow each student to individualize their remediation to meet their personal needs.

STANDARDIZED EXAM 2 AND NONCOURSE STANDARDIZED EXAMS

1. During the Spring Semester all nursing students will be enrolled in a zero credit hour course.
2. A second version of each standardized exam will be taken and will be included in the course as well as a Nutrition and Leadership Standardized Exam.
3. The Standardized Exam will not serve as a final for the course. Nor will it be counted more than 10% in any given course.

STANDARDIZED EXIT EXAM

1. Students will complete the required remediation for Standardized Exit Exam and will receive a Remediation Plan and Contract from the director.
2. Topics of Remediation will be selected from the students Standardized exam student report.
3. Students will not be eligible for admission into another Standardized Exam unless they have completed the contract and the specified remediation [activities](#). Students have approximately four days to complete these remediation requirements, and submit the completed contract, depending on the date of the following Standardized exam.
4. Standardized Case Studies that were not used in class assignments can be used for remediation. Students may also use vSim, Conceptual Clinical Cases, a client from clinical practice, Conceptual Review, or a case study from the textbook for the course.

Standardized Exit exams are included in the cost of the program.

5. If the director or instructor feels any student is at risk, additional individual remediation/tutoring can/may be required at no cost to the student before an ATT is approved.
6. The student will receive an incomplete for the zero hour course if requirements have not been completed.

Amended VN Student Remediation Policy 10/14/2024

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REMEDIATION POLICY

COURSE REMEDIATION

Group and individual remediation will be offered to all students and will be **REQUIRED** for students scoring less than 75 on any exams. Remediation exercises will be determined by the instructor of each course. Weekly tutorials will be required until the student brings the major exam grade above passing. Tutorials will likely be on Friday but can be changed. If tutorial days are changed the student will be notified 48 hours ahead to be given appropriate time for planning.

STANDARDIZED REMEDIATION

Following Standardized and Exit Exams, students are required to remediate, and the remediation requirements are dependent on each individual student's score for each exam. Exam scores can be indicative of the student's level of risk for success in the program and on NCLEX. Students with lower scores require more intense remediation.

STANDARDIZED REMEDIATION PLAN GUIDELINES:

1. Scores of 85-99
 - a. Complete Student Remediation Contract found in supplemental resources, using your 4 weakest areas as outlined in the Exam Details.
 - b. Complete one of the 6 recommended remediation choices for each of your 4 weakest areas. These are found under supplemental resources.
 - c. A minimum of 2 hours of study is required.
2. Score of 80-84

- a. Complete Student Remediation Contract using your 4 weakest areas as outlined in the Exam Details.
 - b. A minimum of 3 hours of study is required.
 - c. Complete one of the 6 recommended remediation choices for each of your 4 weakest areas. These are found under supplemental resources.
3. Score of 75-79
- a. Complete Student Remediation Contract using your 4 weakest areas as outlined in the Exam Details.
 - b. A minimum of 4 hours of study is required.
 - c. Complete one of the 6 recommended remediation choices for each of your 5 weakest areas. These are found under supplemental resources.
4. Score 74 or below
- a. Complete Student Remediation Contract using your 4 weakest areas as outlined in the Exam Details.
 - b. A minimum of 5 hours of study is required.
 - c. Complete one of the 6 recommended remediation choices for each of your 5 weakest areas. These are found under supplemental resources.

Students who do not complete the required remediation and/or tutoring for exams will not be able to take finals or exit exams which results in failure of the program requirements. This can affect pinning and graduation participation.