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I. Mission, Vision and Values

This policy reflects our commitment to human dignity, integrity, compassion, stewardship, and service by guiding decisions and actions that uphold respect for all individuals and promote excellence in our work.

This policy aligns with our mission of extending the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and providing good help to those in need, especially the poor, dying, and underserved by ensuring that our practices support ethical, effective, and accountable service across all areas of the organization.

II. Policy

Credit by NLN Proficiency Examinations

III. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe the NLN Proficiency Examination process for the RN-BSN program. National League of Nursing (NLN) Proficiency Exams are available for RN-BSN applicants who do not have academic credit for Microbiology, Nutrition, and Anatomy and Physiology.

IV. Scope

Post-Licensure RN-BSN applicants who do not have academic credit for Microbiology, Nutrition, and Anatomy and Physiology.

V. Policy Details

Procedure:

Credit by NLN proficiency examination is open only to RN-BSN applicants.

Applicants who wish to receive credit for Microbiology and/or Nutrition prior to admission should contact the Admissions Office as early as possible in the application process to arrange for the examinations. The Anatomy and Physiology exam is offered to applicants who have taken Anatomy and Physiology prior to entry and received a grade of "D" or lower. The examinations will be scheduled on site at a time mutually convenient for the College and the applicant.

It is strongly recommended that the applicant study prior to taking the examination. The applicant will be notified of the results and the determination of credit by the College of Nursing. The passing score for the NLN Proficiency Examinations is based upon the national norms established by the NLN. Successful completion of the examination will provide full credit for the course (4 credits for Microbiology, 3 credits for Nutrition and 8 credits for Anatomy and Physiology).

Repeating a Test:

If the applicant has not achieved a successful examination score, they will be able to repeat the test one time. In the event that the applicant has not passed the exam after a second attempt, they will need to obtain the course credit by successfully completing the appropriate course at an accredited college or university.

References:

NLN Testing Policies and Procedures 2022. Available at www.nln.org

VI. Definitions

N/A

VII. Attachments

None

VIII. Related Policies and Procedures

None

IX. Regulatory Notices

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON), a department operated and controlled by the Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center, LLC, and any party. BSMCON, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

X. Version Control

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This policy/procedure/guideline is not intended to establish a standard of clinical or non-clinical care or practice. Rather, this policy/procedure/guideline creates a general tool to help guide decision-making with the understanding that different action(s) may be necessary in response to the totality of the circumstances presented.

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