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**I. Policy**

Credit by NLN Proficiency Examinations

**II. 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.

**III. Scope**

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

**IV. Definitions**

**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](http://www.nln.org)

**VI. Attachments****VII. Related Policies****VIII. Disclaimers**

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON) 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.

**IX. Version Control**

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