

**NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MARY GRIMES SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Grade Determination

All nursing courses must be completed successfully to progress to the next semester. The final grade will be determined at the end of the course on work completed including, but not limited to, exams, homework, and clinical evaluation tool. All grades are computed according to the following scale:

92 - 100%	A	Superior
86 - 91%	B	Good
80 - 85%	C	Average
70 - 79%	D	Poor
0 - 69%	F	Failure
	XF	Failure due to academic dishonesty
	I	Incomplete
	W	Withdrawal

The nursing student **MUST ACHIEVE** a minimum of 80% in any nursing class to progress in the program. In theory courses, the nursing student must achieve a minimum of 80% in both the exam and homework categories to complete each course.

Grades will be entered into and calculated based upon the formatting of the Learning Management System. The nursing program does **NOT** round upgrades. (Example: 79.9% is not rounded to 80 %.)

School policy will be followed concerning the assignment of a “W” for withdrawal or a grade of “D” for the course, dependent upon the official drop date.

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in the nursing program. Evidence of cheating and/or plagiarism will result in the student receiving a zero for that assignment or examination, with the possibility of receiving an XF for the course (See NCCC Academic Honesty Policy) or expulsion from the nursing program.

THEORY GRADE

The student's theory grade will be based on exams and homework. The exam category includes unit exams, final exam, and selected National Normed Exams (ATI/HESI) assessments. The homework category includes any other homework specific to that course including quizzes. The exam category for courses will be weighted as 70% of the final grade with the homework category being weighted as the remaining 30%. Students must attain 80% in each course category (exams and homework) to pass the course. Both the exam category and the homework category will be calculated based on points earned divided by total points.

In the event that that the student's cumulative score is 80% or greater, but the score in either the exams or homework category is less than 80%, the final grade will be recorded as the category grade falling below the 80% standard. The final grade will be submitted to the registrar as a “D” or “F” according to the nursing grading scale. (See “Interpretation of Grade in *myNeosho*” procedure.)

Scheduled Tests and Quizzes: Scheduled tests and pre-announced quizzes must be taken on the scheduled date, at the scheduled time. Students are expected to communicate their

absence with the course coordinator before the scheduled exam or pre-announced quiz. Missed exams or pre-announced quizzes must be taken within five (5) business days of the original scheduled date or the score will be recorded as a zero. Special circumstances will be subject to review and at instructor's discretion.

Homework/Pop Quizzes: Any assignment in the homework category is to be completed at the scheduled time or the grade is recorded as zero. Any assignments in the Homework category, including pop quizzes, cannot be made up. Special circumstances will be subject to review and at instructor's discretion.

Late homework: Unless assignment criteria states otherwise, homework not turned in at the scheduled time will be recorded as a zero in the gradebook. Special circumstances will be subject to review and at instructor's discretion.

Use ATI or HESI instructions depending on class:

Nationally Normed Exams (ATI) assessments:

ATI proctored assessments are worth 70 total points possible and will be scored in the exam section of the grade book. Practice assessments are recorded in the homework section,

- A. Concept-Based Proctored ATI Assessment: Grading will be based on the achievement of levels of proficiency as indicated by ATI and are available on the ATI website.
 1. Students scoring at or above Level 3 will receive a grade of 96%. The student demonstrates advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 96% of 70 which would be 67.2 points.)
 2. Students scoring at or above Level 2 will receive a grade of 89%. The student demonstrates proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 89% of 70 which would be 62.3 points.)
 3. Students scoring at or above Level 1 will receive a grade of 83%. The student demonstrates partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 83% of 70 which would be 58.1 points.)
 4. Students scoring below a Level 1 will receive a grade of 75%. The student scoring below level 1 does not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 75% of 70 which would be 52.5 points.)
- B. There are two practice CBC assessments (A&B) for each of the 4 CBC proctored exams that will be assigned in class: Focused reviews will be built off of the practice assessment results for the purpose of assisting students to identify their weaknesses and prepare an appropriate study plan. A Focused review will be completed on each practice assessment assigned. Both the practice assessments grades and the focused review grades will be recorded in the homework category.

ATI PN and RN - Comprehensive Predictor Assessments

The ATI PN and RN Predictor Assessments are valuable tools in determining the student's readiness to take the NCLEX exam. The proctored ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor will be given before the end of Patient Centered Care II and the RN Comprehensive Predictor will be given before the end of the Patient-Centered Care IV.

The ATI PN/RN Proctored Comprehensive Assessment will be recorded in the exam category of the grade book, equivalent to a unit exam.

Scoring:

- The probability percentage achieved on the ATI PN or RN Comprehensive is the score that will be used to calculate the score recorded in the gradebook. (Example: The probability percentage score earned is 97%. The exam is equivalent to a test grade worth 70 total points possible. The score recorded will be 97% of 70 which would be 67.9 points.)
 - If the ATI PN or RN Comprehensive score is below 80% on the first attempt, the student may elect to retake the exam one time. If the score is above 80% on the retake exam, the score posted in the grade book will be listed as 80% and not the score achieved.
 - If both scores are below 80% the higher of the 2 scores will be posted in the gradebook.
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The student is highly encouraged to use the results of the comprehensive assessment to prepare a focused study plan for taking their NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN.

Nationally Normed Exams (HESI) assessments:

HESI proctored assessments are worth 70 total points possible and will be scored in the exam section of the grade book. Practice assessments are recorded in the homework section,

- A. HESI Proctored Assessment: Grading will be based on the achievement of levels of proficiency as indicated by HESI.
 - a. Students scoring at or above 950 will receive a grade of 96%. The student demonstrates advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 96% of 70, which would be 67.2 points.)
 - b. Students scoring 900-949 will receive a grade of 89%. The student demonstrates proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 89% of 70, which would be 62.30 points.)

- c. Students scoring 850-899 will receive a grade of 83%. The student demonstrates partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 83% of 70, which would be 58.1 points.)
- B. Students scoring below 850 will receive a grade of 75%. The student scoring below level 1 does not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 75% of 70, which would be 52.5 points.)
- C. There are seven HESI assessment exams:
 - i. Nursing Assessment – 1st semester
 - ii. Nursing Pharmacology and Fundamentals, – 2nd semester
 - iii. Mental Health and Maternity/Pediatrics – 3rd semester
 - iv. Management/Community and Medical Surgical, – 4th semester

HESI exit exams PN and RN

The HESI PN and RN exit exams are valuable tools in determining the student's readiness to take the NCLEX exam. The proctored HESI PN exit exam will be given before the end of Patient Centered Care II and the HESI RN exit exam will be given before the end of the Patient-Centered Care IV.

The HESI PN/RN exit exams will be recorded in the exam category of the grade book, equivalent to a unit exam.

Scoring:

- a. Students scoring at or above 950 will receive a grade of 96%. The student demonstrates advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 96% of 70, which would be 67.2 points.)
 - b. Students scoring 900-949 will receive a grade of 89%. The student demonstrates proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 89% of 70, which would be 62.3 points.)
 - c. Students scoring 850-899 will receive a grade of 83%. The student demonstrates partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 83% of 70, which would be 58.1 points.)
 - d. Students scoring below 850 will receive a grade of 75%. The student scoring below level 1 does not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills required to deliver safe and effective nursing care. (The score recorded will be 75% of 70, which would be 52.5 points.)
- The HESI PN or RN exit exam is the score that will be used to calculate the score

recorded in the gradebook. (Example: The probability percentage score earned is 97%. The exam is equivalent to a test grade worth 70 total points possible. The score recorded will be 97% of 70, which would be 67.9 points.)

- If the HESI PN or RN exit exam score is below 750 on the first attempt, the student may elect to retake the exam one time. If the score is above 800 or higher on the retake exam, the score posted in the grade book will be listed as 80% and not the score achieved. (example: 80% of 70 points = 56)
- If both scores are below 80% the higher of the 2 scores will be posted in the gradebook.

The student is highly encouraged to use the results of the HESI exit exam to prepare a focused study plan for taking their NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN.

PRACTICUM GRADE

Practicum performance is based on both learning lab and clinical proficiency. To successfully complete the practicum nursing course, the nursing student must pass each of the following categories. Failure to meet expected criteria in any one of the following categories will result in a final grade of “D” or “F” in the practicum course according to the nursing grading scale.

- Learning lab criteria with a minimum of 80% for each procedure
- Score an average of 80% on each clinical assignment category
- Score 95% on the Math Proficiency Exam (see below)
- Meet clinical evaluation criteria.

A medication calculation proficiency examination will be given once a semester in practicum courses to current students and to articulating and transfer students prior to entering the nursing program. The first medication calculation exam will count toward the practicum grade. Each exam may be given a total of three times and the student **MUST** pass with 95% accuracy or better by the third attempt in order to progress in the nursing program. Articulating and transfer students who do not pass the exam by the third attempt will not be allowed to enter the nursing program. Remedial assistance is available to students who request it between exam attempts.

Late homework: Unless assignment criteria state otherwise, homework not turned in at the scheduled time will be recorded as a zero in the grade book.

Practicum Learning Lab

1. Evaluation of selected Learning Lab procedural skills will be by means of a check-off. The student will demonstrate procedural skills with satisfactory performance before being allowed to do the skill in the clinical area.
2. In order to earn 100% proficiency, the skill must be successfully completed the first time and be done on or before the designated date. Proficiency of procedural skills shall be evaluated at the time the student demonstrates the skill in Learning Lab and will be scored according to the following scale.

1st test	100%
2nd test	86%
3rd test	80%
3. To successfully complete practicum, the procedure must be completed satisfactorily within 3 attempts. Special circumstances will be subject to review and faculty discretion.
4. In the event that a student does not pass the skill on the first and/or second attempt, a remediation plan will be developed between the instructor and the student. After the

second attempt at the skill, it is recommended that another instructor within the course do the third skill check off with the student. It is also recommended that documentation be maintained in the student's practicum file.

5. The student will complete all associated homework such as audiovisuals, study questions, lab quizzes, etc. for each procedural skill before the procedure is considered to be completed.

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