Assessment Technologies Institute, Inc. /ATI Nursing Education (ATI) Policies and NCLEX-RN Endorsement

The College of Nursing partners with Assessment Technologies Institute © LLC/ATI Nursing Education to assist students with acquiring critical reasoning skills and nursing content knowledge essential for nursing program and NCLEX-RN success.

ATI review modules (textbooks), and online learning activities (practice, targeted and predictor exams) are incorporated into the nursing curriculum. Through the use of ATI educational materials, students' knowledge and critical reasoning skills are strengthened. Both ATI practice and proctored exams are used to evaluate students' progress at identified intervals in the nursing program.

All students in the ABSN Program will participate in the ATI active learning, testing, and remediation opportunities. The ATI online resources are assigned to MUSC CON students only; students are not permitted to share ATI login codes and passwords with anyone.

ATI Course Exams Proctored Exams

Online, proctored ATI Content Mastery exams will be administered throughout the nursing program. Students should strive to achieve a minimum grade of Level 2 in all ATI Content Mastery Proctored Exams, because this proficiency level correlates with NCLEX-RN success.

In nursing courses that administer ATI Content Mastery Exams, a proctored exam will be utilized as a benchmark exam and the student’s score will account for 10% of their course grade. The date of the proctored exam will be designated in the course syllabus. The following describes the progression of standardized testing used throughout the curriculum, the ATI Assessment component and the ATI weight of the course grade, where applicable.

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<th>Curriculum Progression</th>
<th>ATI Assessment Component</th>
<th>Weight of Course Grade</th>
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<tr>
<td>NURSU 461 Foundations &amp; Gerontologic Nursing</td>
<td>Fundamentals</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>NURSU 387 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing</td>
<td>Mental Health</td>
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<td>NURSU 452 Pathophysiology-Pharmacology II</td>
<td>Pharmacology</td>
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<td>NURSU 405 Nursing Care of Children</td>
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Nursing Care of Children and their Families  
NURSU 409  
Population Focused Nursing  
Community Health  
10%

NURSU 417  
Women’s Health  
Maternal Newborn  
10%

NURSU 454  
Medical Surgical Nursing I  
Medical Surgical  
10%

NURSU 455  
Medical Surgical Nursing II Synthesis Practicum  
Medical Surgical  
10%

NURSU 376  
Leadership and Management in Nursing  
Leadership  
10%

Enrollment in 4th Semester  
NCLEX-RN Review Course  
Mandatory attendance

** ATI Course Assignments**

**Online Practice Exams, Targeted Exams, and Tutorials**

Online practice exams, targeted exams, and tutorials are assigned to augment classroom, lab, and clinical learning. Through appropriate use of these assignments students gain knowledge, strengthen critical reasoning skills, and gain confidence in answering NCLEX-RN-style questions. Each nursing course syllabus will identify the required course specific assignments and deadlines for completing each assignment.

Practice Test A will be administered at approximately week 10 of the semester. Rationales will be enabled.

Practice Test B will be administered at approximately week 11 of the semester. Rationales will be enabled.

Students must upload evidence of completion of Practice Tests A and B to the Learning Management System or other location as specified by the required date prior to the scheduled Proctored ATI exam.
Students who do not complete the Practice Test requirements or have not uploaded evidence of completion to the Learning Management System or other location as specified by the required date will not be permitted to take the Proctored ATI exam.

**Proctored ATI Exams**

Every student regardless of their level of performance on the ATI proctored and non-proctored exams should take advantage of the available ATI active learning resources which include individual “Focused Reviews” and “Active Learning Templates”. When a student does not achieve the established benchmark on the course specific proctored ATI exam, the student will be required to complete a prescribed remediation program.

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<th>Proficiency on Proctored Exams</th>
<th>Percent Awarded for Achievement on Proctored Exams 1st Attempt</th>
<th>Remediation</th>
<th>Percent Awarded for Remediation (based on weight of course grade) and Retake (2nd Attempt)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Proficiency Level 2 or 3</td>
<td>100 %</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Proficiency Level 1 or below</td>
<td>0 %</td>
<td>Mandatory remediation</td>
<td>Level 3 = 95% Level 2 = 85% Level 1 or &lt; Level 1 = 0%</td>
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**Remediation**

Students who do not achieve the desired Proficiency Level for a course will be required to remediate and sign the ATI & NCLEX-RN Success Contract within 48 hours of taking the ATI Proctored Exam. Students who receive a Success Contract must follow through with the requirements within 5 business days. Remediation activities are outlined in the ATI & NCLEX- RN Success Contract. Successful remediation activities must be demonstrated prior to re-taking the Proctored Exam. If a student does not complete the remediation activities within the designated timeframe, a grade of zero will be assigned, regardless of the grade achieved on the second-attempt ATI.

**End of Program ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor Exam**

During the final semester of the nursing program students will take the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor exam. This is a Program requirement and as such is mandatory.

Students will take the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor exam within the first two weeks of the final semester. Students are encouraged to utilize the focused review during NURSU 455 - Medical Surgical Nursing II Synthesis Practicum as part of their preceptorship. In addition, students who do not achieve the stated benchmark will receive a personalized ATI and NCLEX-
RN Success Contract. Students who receive an ATI and NCLEX-RN Success Contract must sign the contract and successfully complete the criteria set forth within the Success Contract. The goal for this is to provide the students with an opportunity to attain the mastery of knowledge and skills outlined in the focused review.

During the middle of the final semester, an ATI Nurse Educator will provide a 3-day live NCLEX-RN Review Course. Student attendance is mandatory.

Toward the end of the final semester the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor exam will be administered again.

It is recommended that students not achieving the benchmark on the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor Test, purchase and participate in the Virtual ATI Program prior to writing the NCLEX-RN. This 6-week program provided an ATI coach that partners with faculty to provide weekly assessments and feedback. Once the ‘green light’ is given, ATI recommends that the student write the NCLEX-RN in 1-2 weeks.

Students are encouraged to work with ATI upon Program completion to assess readiness to write the NCLEX-RN. Further information may be found at www.atitesting.com.

**Endorsement to Take the NCLEX-RN**

Upon completion of NURSU 455, final source grades will be posted, completion of all requirements for graduation will be verified, and the CON will mail student endorsement to the Board of Nursing which they are applying to.

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