

FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

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POLICY:

Math proficiency is established through assessment that will occur strategically throughout the Bachelor of Nursing program to ensure that students consistently achieve high levels of basic and nursing math skills.

PROCEDURE:

- Assessment of basic math skills will occur within the first term of Year 2 of the Bachelor of Nursing program to establish a baseline for the student to determine learning needs.
 Students will have three (3) attempts to achieve a score of 90%. Use of calculators is not permitted. If a student fails to achieve 90% on the third attempt, the student will be recommended to attend the Math Centre for self-study.
- 2. Nursing math skills will be introduced and assessed in Year 2 of the Program as part of 71:276 Foundational Nursing Skills and 71:280 Intermediate Nursing Skills.
- 3. Nursing math skills will be subsequently tested in:
 - Term 3 of Year 2
 - Term 1 of Year 3
 - Term 2 of Year 3
 - Term 1 of Year 4

Students will have three (3) attempts to achieve a score of 100%. Use of calculators is permitted. If a student fails to achieve 100% on the third attempt, a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) will be initiated by the faculty member responsible for testing and carried forward into the applicable clinical course. (See Policy Students Experiencing Difficulty in Clinical/Lab)



- 4. Students completing 71:287 Foundations for Transition from LPN-BN will be required to complete math testing upon entry into the program. Students will have three (3) attempts to achieve a score of 100%. Use of calculators is permitted. If a student fails to achieve 100% on the third attempt, a PIP will be initiated and carried forward into the next clinical course. (See Policy Students Experiencing Difficulty in Clinical / Lab)
- 5. The Clinical Education Coordinator (CEC) will be responsible for organizing all math assessments and testing.