



Title: Credit by NLN Proficiency Examinations	Policy No.: NUR 2.06	Date: 8/1/13 Rev.: 8/1/16
Areas Affected: All BSMCON RN-BSN students		Page 1 of 1

**Purpose:**

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

**Procedure:**

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

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 students 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.

Students who are enrolled in the RN-BSN program track who wish to pursue the NLN Exam for credit will indicate this on their curriculum plan during intake advising. The faculty advisor will notify the program coordinator to facilitate the scheduling of the exam during the semester in which the student will take the exam. The examinations will be scheduled on site at a time mutually convenient for the College and the student. Students are required to have completed and passed the exam prior to their last semester of scheduled course work.

It is strongly recommended that the student study prior to taking the examination. The student will be notified of the results and the determination of credit by the College of Nursing. The passing score for the NLN Proficiency Examinations are established 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 or student has not achieved a successful examination score, she or he will be able to repeat the test one time. In the event that the student has not passed the exam after a second attempt, or if the student fails to schedule the exam, 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 2016, <http://www.nln.org/testing-services/overview>

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