

Policy U-9
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
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TITLE: CLINICAL PERFORMANCE TESTING

POLICY: To support the clinical competence of each student, the College of Nursing has adopted a requirement for clinical performance testing (CPT) for students in the program.

For Students admitted after January 2009.

1. Each student is required to successfully complete clinical performance testing prior to the Semester III clinical experience.
2. The specific skills to be tested will be evaluated using the critical behaviors guidelines provided to students.
3. A student who fails to perform the testing correctly and safely is permitted one makeup/retry attempt. The student who is unable to demonstrate skills successfully and safely by the second attempt will not be permitted to progress in the curriculum.

RATIONALE: Any student's participation in clinical experience requires that she/he meet the academic and professional standards of behavior that ensure patient comfort and safety. Success of CPT reflects minimum competence of psychomotor skills.

PROCEDURE:

1. Clinical performance testing (CPT) is scheduled in Semester III prior to the first adult family or childbearing/childrearing clinical experience.
2. Students are provided with a copy of the Critical Behavior Checklist for Skills Evaluation tool. Students sign up for a CPT time period. Students are tested individually.
3. For each procedure category, students randomly select the skill they will demonstrate for that category.
4. CPT evaluators complete teacher/evaluator training prior to participating in this process.
5. To address noted deficiencies, students who are unsuccessful should arrange a schedule of at least 6 hours of documented practice time prior to CPT retesting.

6. Students sign up for a CPT retesting period. Students are re-tested individually.
7. For each procedure category, students randomly select the skills they will demonstrate for this policy.
8. A student who fails to perform the testing correctly and safely by the second attempt will withdraw from all Semester III courses.

For Students admitted prior to January 2009.

POLICY: To support the clinical competence of each student, the College of Nursing has adopted a requirement for clinical performance testing (CPT) for students in each term of the program.

In Term I, clinical performance will consist of weekly assessment as well as a final evaluation. Inability to demonstrate skills successfully and safely will result in course failure.

In Terms II-Term V

1. Each student is required to complete successfully clinical performance testing in each semester of the program prior to the clinical experience.
2. The specific skills to be tested will be evaluated using the critical behaviors guidelines provided to students.
3. A student who fails to perform the testing correctly and safely is permitted one makeup/retry attempt. The student who is unable to demonstrate skills successfully and safely by the second attempt will receive a grade of incomplete and will not be permitted in the clinical area that semester.
4. A student who fails to perform the retest correctly and safely will cease attendance in the co-requisite theory course and will be given an incomplete for the theory course.

Term V:

If a student has demonstrated mastery of CPT by passing the assessment and skills component on the first attempt for Terms I – IV, then the student is exempt from CPT in Term V.

RATIONALE: Any student's participation in clinical experience requires that she/he meet the academic and professional standards of behavior that ensure patient comfort and safety. Success of CPT reflects minimum competence of psychomotor skills.

PROCEDURE:

1. Clinical performance testing is scheduled each semester prior to the first adult family or childbearing/childrearing clinical experience.
2. Students are provided with a copy of the Critical Behavior Checklist for Skills Evaluation tool. Students sign up for a CPT time period. Students are tested individually.
3. For each procedure category, students randomly select the skill they will demonstrate for that category.
4. CPT evaluators complete teacher/evaluator training prior to participating in this process.
5. To address noted deficiencies, students who are unsuccessful should arrange a schedule of regular practice in the skills lab prior to retesting. A minimum of 6 hours of documented practice time must be completed to be eligible for CPT the following semester.
6. Students will not be permitted to repeat a clinical course in the same semester
 - a. in which the course was originally taken.
7. Students must successfully complete all clinical and theory courses in each
 - a. semester prior to progressing to clinical and theory courses in the next
 - b. semester.
8. Students will not be permitted to take two different level clinical or theory courses during the same term.

Items 6 – 8 taken from policy U-12 – Progression in the Undergraduate Program.

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