

# SIERRA COLLEGE

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE No. AP5235

### Admission/Readmission of a Student Who Has Received a Clinical Grade of "F"

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References:

Students applying for admission/readmission to the nursing program after receiving a clinical grade of "F" or have withdrawn or been dismissed from any nursing program because of unsatisfactory performance in the clinical area of any nursing course must successfully complete the following:

- Nursing Assistant Program:
  - Pass a written safety exam by scoring 70% or better.
  - Pass a clinical competency examination under the supervision of a clinical evaluator. In the clinical competency examination, the student will need to perform at a satisfactory level the following tasks:
    - Measure vital signs accurately.
    - Demonstrate the following manual skills: turning and positioning of a mock patient; moving the helpless mock patient up to the head of the bed using two assistants; assist transfer from bed to chair and return to bed.
    - Correctly measure intake and output of mock patient.
    - Demonstrate feeding of the helpless mock patient.
    - Correctly perform the Heimlich Maneuver for the conscious/unconscious patient on a mock patient.

- Vocational Nursing Program:
  - Pass a written safety exam by scoring 70% or better.
  - Pass a clinical competency examination under the supervision of a clinical evaluator. In the clinical competency examination, the student will need to perform at a satisfactory level the following tasks:
    - Measure vital signs accurately.
    - Correctly perform a sterile procedure.
    - Demonstrate safe administration of medications.
    - Demonstrate complete assessment of a mock patient situation and chart the data on a sample nurse's notes.
  
- Registered Nursing Program:
  - Pass a written safety exam by scoring 70% or better.
  - Pass a clinical competency examination under the supervision of a clinical evaluator. In the clinical competency examination, the student will need to perform at a satisfactory level the following tasks:
    - Measure vital signs accurately.
    - Correctly perform sterile procedure.
    - Demonstrate safe administration of medications.
    - Demonstrate complete assessment of a mock patient situation and chart the data on sample nurse's notes. Develop a comprehensive nursing care plan related to the mock patient situation.
  
- The above evaluations will be performed in the Nursing Skills Lab under the supervision of a clinical evaluator.
  
- The clinical competency examination will be terminated any time that the student fails to achieve the minimum accuracy as stated in the "Admission/Readmission of a student who has received a Clinical Grade of "F".
  
- If the student is unsuccessful in meeting any one of the above criteria, the student will be re-tested on ALL criteria.

- A student is allowed only one failure of either the written examination or the clinical evaluation. A second failure of either the written examination or the clinical evaluation will result in denial of admission/readmission.
- A student may be readmitted to the nursing program **ONE TIME ONLY** if deemed unsafe in the clinical area.

See Board Policy 5235.