

Testing Out Policy for NURS 209 Introduction to Nursing

Students who have at least one year of work experience in the health care environment may be allowed to test out of the NURS 209 Introduction to nursing pre-requisite course. To be eligible to test out, the student must have at least one year of providing direct patient care in a health care environment. (Examples: Certified Nurse Assistant with one year experience, nursing assistant or Patient care Tech with one year of work experience.) The student must pass a written exam and demonstrate competency in selected nursing skills. Students desiring the opportunity to test out of NURS 209 will be provided a list of nursing skills, reference material for independent study, and the dates for the testing. The testing will take place in the Nursing Skills Lab at the Columbia location or the Lake location. Students may attempt test out of NURS 209 only one time.

The testing out of NURS 209 is a two-step process. Testing out includes a written exam and demonstration of nursing skills. The student must receive a passing score (minimum of 75%) for the written exam and 90% on the nursing skills demonstration. The student must successfully pass the written exam prior to being allowed to take the nursing skills exam. Students who are successful in testing out will not be required to take NURS 209.

All students will be required to demonstrate the same level of competency for the selected skills. The NURS 209 Check List will be utilized for the testing out process.

The selected nursing skills are: Vital Signs, Hand-Washing, Applying Restraints, Moving & Transferring a Patient with Assistive Device and Moving & Transferring a Patient without an Assistive Device, Complete Bed Bath and Making an Occupied Bed, Intake and Output, Preparing for and Feeding a Patient, and Isolation.

Testing Out Procedure for NURS 209

Students desiring the opportunity to test out should document their experience in the space provided on your Nursing Program Application and you will be contacted regarding the test.

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All students will be required to demonstrate the same level of competency for the selected skills. The Columbia College Nursing Program Performance Check List will be utilized for the testing out.

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The chapters to review for the exam are in textbook:

Potter & Perry- Fundamentals of Nursing (10th edition) St. Louis: Mosby.

Chapters: 1, 2, 9, 15, 17, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 38, 39, 40, & 45

A 50 question multiple choice exam will be given. The content will come from the chapters listed above.

Review of Basic Nursing Care Experience Form

Evaluate your healthcare experience to determine eligibility for testing out of NURS 209 Introduction to Nursing. *Describe, in detail, prior basic nursing care experience including length of employment and references. All placements will be based on faculty discretion and possible employee references. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)*

I verify that the above information is truthful and accurate, and I grant permission for the Nursing Faculty to verify employment listed above.

Name (Please Print)

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Phone number

Student Id Number

Applicant Signature

Date

Must submit a copy of any certifications and employment records with application.