

POLICY

SUBJECT/TITLE: Medication Calculation Policy for the Undergraduate Nursing Program (Calgary Campus and Medicine Hat College Site)		PAGE: 1 of 1
RELATED POLICY: Student Learning Plan and Process Guidelines for Undergraduate Nursing Practice Courses	DATE ESTABLISHED: March 24, 2004	
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that nursing students are able to demonstrate basic math competence.

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Math tests may be implemented for any/all nursing practice courses. Compulsory preparatory learning activities will be implemented prior to mandatory testing.

Mastery of 90% will need to be achieved within a specified timeframe, as stated in the course outline, prior to completion of the practice course. Students will have two opportunities to achieve 90% on any given math test. Students who do not achieve 90% after the second try will be required to meet with the Nursing Practice Course Coordinator to collaboratively develop a Learning Plan. The student will be granted a third and final attempt. Failure to achieve 90% on the final attempt will result in failure of the practice course.

PROCEDURE

This policy will be included in all applicable practice course outlines.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Students will complete all math requirements as indicated in the course outline and achieve 90% on related assessments. The student will not be permitted to administer medications in the clinical area until the required mastery has been achieved. The use of non-programable calculators is permitted. All other electronics, including cell phones, are required to be turned off and put away.