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SUBJECT/TITLE:
Objective Structured Clinical Assessment and Review (OSCAR) for the Undergraduate Nursing Program

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RELATED POLICY: 

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Purpose:
To provide safe and appropriate patient care, nursing students need to demonstrate knowledge, understanding, thinking, application, and competence in the performance of assessments, procedures and skills.

An objective assessment (OSCAR), through a variety of simulated patient situations, improves consistency and provides evidence of student competence and critical thinking integrating both theory and practice. To support student learning within this assessment, a review (OSCAR) is incorporated to enable student feedback for improvement.

Applicability:
Compulsory OSCAR evaluations will be implemented for selected practice courses in the undergraduate program (Calgary Campus and Medicine Hat College Site).

Process:
Students need to attain “Successful Achievement” on any given OSCAR scheduled during the practice course. “Successful Achievement” will be determined by the marking rubric for the OSCAR. Students who do not attain “Successful Achievement” after two attempts will be required to meet with the Nursing Practice Course Coordinator and a Learning Contract may be developed.

Consequences of unsuccessful completion of the OSCAR, which may include failure of the course, must be clearly stated in the course outline.