Mercer County Community College Division of Health Professions Nursing Program

Medication Calculation Exam

Purpose: To ensure that students have the requisite medication calculations skills to safely administer medications in the clinical setting.

Procedure:

- 1. Students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in medication calculation each semester prior to being permitted to administer medications in the clinical setting.
- Proficiency will be demonstrated through the successful completion of a written medication calculation exam. Medication calculation exams are not timed; students should strive to answer each questions within two minutes.
- 3. Students in first, second, and third semester nursing courses are required to obtain a score of 90% to demonstrate proficiency. Students in the fourth semester nursing course are required to obtain a score of 100% to demonstrate proficiency.
- 4. Failure to complete the medication calculation exam in the time frame directed by the course coordinator will count as an exam failure.
- 5. Students who are unsuccessful on the first medication calculation exam attempt must complete remediation as directed by the course coordinator.
- 6. Students who are unsuccessful in their second attempt at the medication calculation exam may receive a clinical failure and dismissal from the course.

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