

MSN PROGRAMS STANDARDIZED EXAMS

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01. POLICY STATEMENTS

01.01 The School of Nursing nurse practitioner graduate programs utilize standardized exams at various intervals in the programs.

01.02 The purpose of the PPS is to establish the policies and procedures related to graduate nursing standardized exams. The graduate programs utilize standardized specialty examinations and/or assessments to analyze students' ability to apply concepts related to key advanced practice registered nursing (APRN) content areas, to allow for remediation of student's weak areas, to assess academic readiness for accreditation exams, and to assist in evaluation of curriculum based on national norms.

02. PROCEDURES

It is the policy of the School of Nursing that nurse practitioner graduate programs utilizing standardized exams do so according to the following:

BLUEPRINT PREP: SM NP REVIEWS™ EXAMS

Blueprint Prep: SM NP Reviews™ are utilized in APRN programs. The APRN courses use quizzes, remediation, and standardized exams throughout the program.

Blueprint Prep: SM NP Reviews™ are used in the following courses:

PMHNP Program	
NURS 5230	Blueprint Review and Quizzes (No Standardized Exam)
NURS 5240	Blueprint Review and Quizzes (No Standardized Exam)
NURS 5370	Blueprint Review, Quizzes, and Standardized Exam
FNP Program	
NURS 5345	Blueprint Review and Quizzes (No Standardized Exam)
NURS 5256	Blueprint Review and Quizzes (No Standardized Exam)
NURS 5354	Blueprint Review and Quizzes (No Standardized Exam)
NURS 5392	Blueprint Review, Quizzes, and Standardized Exam

Blueprint Predictor Exam Scoring and Assignment for Course Grades

The Blueprint Standardized Exam "conversion scores" represent the weighted difficulty of the questions within the exam during that testing period. The recommended level of performance for the Blueprint Standardized Exam is 72 or higher.

The following table represents the graduate programs score ranges and assigned grading for course purposes.

Blueprint Standardized Exam SCORE	Exam Grade Posted in Course	Prediction of Student Success
80 or Higher	100	Recommended High Performance
75-79	95	Recommended High Performance
72-74	90	Recommended Performance
68-71	85	Minimum Acceptable Performance
64-67	80	Minimum Acceptable Performance
61-63	75	Below Acceptable Performance
57-60	70	Below Acceptable Performance
53-56	65	Needs Further Preparation
50-52	60	Needs Further Preparation
<50	55	Needs Further Preparation

Blueprint Standardized Exams are counted as a maximum of 10% of total course grade

FACULTY

Faculty Responsibilities. It is the responsibility of the didactic course instructor(s) to oversee ordering and administration of all standardized exams for that course. If multiple faculty members are teaching a course (multiple sections), faculty must work together so that only one order is placed per course.

PROCTORING

Standardized exams may be administered with or without proctoring, depending on course and program requirements. When proctoring is required, exams will be administered in compliance with Texas State University's Honor Code and the standardized exam administrator's guidelines. Proctoring expectations, including method and location, will be outlined in the course syllabus and posted in Canvas.