

Performance Examinations

The performance examination is an end-of-quarter structured simulated clinical exam. It is based on a patient scenario and requires decision making, priority setting, knowledge of course content, and completion of technical skills specific to the course. You must complete the required college lab assignments and skills practice to be eligible to take the exam.

The performance examination is pass/fail based on achieving a satisfactory rating for the assessment, planning, and implementation of each of the skills included in the examination. A satisfactory performance does not add points to the theory grade, but a satisfactory must be achieved on the exam in order to pass the course. The expectation is you will come prepared to pass the exam, but an opportunity to redo the examination for a satisfactory passing grade is provided.

The testing is completed with faculty in one of the Nursing Learning Labs. There is a patient testing station set-up for each part of the exam. The faculty member is present to observe and evaluate your performance, and will not coach or teach. You may address comments to the faculty or communicate with the faculty as if that faculty is another member of the patient's health care team. You dress as if going to the clinical facility and bring all necessary equipment with you. Time for each skill in the exam is limited so practice throughout the quarter should include a focus on proficiency.