

Montcalm Community College (MCC)
Nursing Department

Policy: Student Testing

To successfully pass all nursing courses at Montcalm Community College the student must meet all the following criteria.

1. Students must earn an average of 78% or above on all tests.
2. Students must pass all clinical/lab/simulation portions of nursing courses.
3. Points for assignments can make up 5% of the final grade but will not be added unless a student earns an average of 78% or higher on all course tests.
4. Each full semester course will include at least three unit tests with a minimum of 40 items on each test and one cumulative final test with a minimum of 60 items.
5. Each half semester course will include at least two unit tests with a minimum of 40 items on each test and one cumulative final test with a minimum of 60 items.
6. Students will have 1.5 minutes per item on each test or quiz.
7. Students are required to bring forward knowledge from previous courses and may be tested on this content.
8. If a student requires testing accommodations, the student will be responsible for making these arrangements with the Student Success Center (SSC) and notifying the instructor. All students will be expected to test at the same time regardless of the location being tested.
9. Tests will be based on the course student learning outcomes.
10. Student testing blueprints will include the following information for each item:
 - a. Class SLO
 - b. Cognitive level
 - c. Topics
11. Similar to the NCLEX RN test plan, tests will include alternate item format questions. In order to gradually increase the numbers of alternate item format questions, each semester there will be an increase in the percentage of these items as follows:

Semesters	1	2	3
Alternate item format questions will be at least: (by the final exam)	10%	20%	30%

Scoring for NextGen style testing questions will apply as follows: Points are earned by identifying and selecting the correct options. By contrast, points are subtracted when incorrect options are selected. This method is applied to multi-point items where students are free to select as many or few options that apply for the item (e.g., multiple response items in various NextGen formats). The total score for the item is the sum of the correct options endorsed minus the sum of the incorrect options endorsed by the student. All negative total scores are rounded up to zero. Stand alone select-all-that apply questions will not receive partial credit (+/-) scoring.

12. By the end of each course, tests will assess the following cognitive levels:

Semesters

12. Students can use the calculator that is built into Exam Soft.
13. Students will be allowed to use the backward navigation feature in Exam Soft

2. Students

