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SUBJECT: <i>ATI in the Pre-Licensure Nursing Curriculum</i>			

I. POLICY:

Integrated use of ATI products and results of proctored ATI tests within associated pre-licensure nursing courses.

II. PURPOSE:

To provide a systematic, purposeful approach to academically-sound integration and use of ATI tutorials, practice tests, and proctored tests in associated clinical nursing courses.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION:

MC uses a variety of the ATI tutorials, quizzes, practice exams, and proctored exams to help students prepare for the NCLEX-RN examination. The integration of these products continues throughout the pre-licensure nursing curriculum to facilitate student learning and contribute to assessment of student mastery of the content. The *MC ATI Integration Plan*, approved by Faculty, is developed and revised as needed to be closely associated with the content of specified courses. Completion of ATI required tutorials, practice tests, and proctored tests are outlined in the *MC ATI Integration Plan*.

The ATI testing program incrementally evaluates content mastery throughout the curriculum, and the Methodist College Faculty believes that content mastery predicts NCLEX success and that the ATI products and tests are valuable tools to prepare students for NCLEX success and future practice. The student is better able to assess their own knowledge and tailor their further review of content areas by completing ATI assignments and taking ATI examinations. *Consistent* use of ATI tutorials and testing integrated throughout nursing courses is expected to provide the student with the most benefit.

Students are expected to complete assigned ATI tutorials and practice tests as outlined in nursing course syllabus and course information. Students are required to take all ATI proctored test(s) associated with clinical nursing courses. In preparation for required ATI proctored tests associated with specific clinical nursing courses, students will be required to complete non-proctored practice tests, consistent with instructions provided within the course syllabus. Documentation of achievement of a specific score on the practice tests may be required, as per course syllabus instructions, prior to taking the required proctored ATI test. All practice tests may be taken more than once to obtain the score (consistent with instructions provided within the course instructions), however, lock-out times may apply.

The contribution toward course credit for completion of specific ATI tutorials, non-proctored tests, and proctored test results is outlined in associated nursing course syllabi and consistent with the following criteria.

Contribution of ATI proctored test scores toward nursing course grades

1) All Proctored ATI exams, *excluding Pharmacology, Nutrition, Critical Thinking Entrance and Exit, and the Comprehensive Predictor*, will contribute course credit according to this distribution:

- For level 3: Student will be awarded 20% course credit
- For level 2: Student will be awarded 17% course credit
- For level 1: Student will be awarded 12% course credit
- Below level 1: Student will be awarded 5% course credit

2) In N445:

- a) The Proctored Nutrition and Proctored Pharmacology will contribute a combined 10% to course grade.
- b) The *ATI Proctored RN Comprehensive Predictor* will contribute to the course grade. Based on the final administration of the RN Comprehensive Predictor 2013.

3) The Critical Thinking Exit and Entrance exams are required, but will not contribute to credit in any course.

4) No extra credit will be given for any ATI.

5) All other ATI points in courses can total up to 10% of course grade.