

New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) Medication Calculation Testing Policy

Introduction and Purpose

Accuracy in medication calculations is a vital competency for all nurses as it is well known that medication errors have serious consequences for patients. The purpose of this policy is standardize how NMNEC students demonstrate their competency across the NMNEC nursing programs.

Policy

Each NMNEC nursing program teaching the common statewide nursing curriculum will meet the following requirements relating to medication calculation testing:

1. Medication calculation testing occurs at each curricular level.
2. It is the responsibility of each nursing program to develop, implement, and evaluate medication calculation tests. These tests focus on requiring interpretation of clinical data appropriate for each level and incorporates the current NMNEC Medication Calculation Guidelines.
3. Each nursing program sets the passing level for each medication calculation test at 90% or greater.
4. Each nursing program provides *at least* one retest opportunity for students who do not pass the medication calculation test on the first attempt.
5. Each nursing program determines their own policies relating to medication calculation testing and academic progression. If academic progression is affected, each nursing program will comply with the NMNEC Progression Policy.