

SKILLS TESTING GUIDELINES

1. All students are skills tested in the Skills lab each quarter on two skills, one current quarter skills and one from 1 of the previous quarters.
2. If the student fails a skill twice, *she* will receive a Plan for Clinical Improvement (PCI) which may extent to next quarter.
3. All students are strongly encouraged to enroll in Nursing 150 in order to practice all learned skills.
4. Early skills testing will be offered for those students enrolled *in* Nursing 150, and who have completed at least haft of their unit hrs.
5. Criteria sheets identify only the critical elements for each skill. They are not step-by-step description on how to perform the skill.
6. In order to pass the skill successfully the student must perform every identified critical element. Both evaluators must agree you failed.
7. Remember that the key to success in skills testing is Practice Practice and more Practice. The more you practice the more likely you are to succeed.
8. In case of a failure, you will be told which critical element(s) you failed and you will be required to do a Retake of that specific skill.
9. If you fail the skill during the retake, you will be shown the critical element(s) you failed and you will be given a PC) on that skill(s).
10. PCI Skill(s) Retake must be completed during the first 3 weeks in the next quarter. You will not be allowed to perform the pending skill(s) in the clinical setting, until you have demonstrated that skill correctly in the lab.
11. The PCI will include mandatory enrollment in Nursing 150 and mandatory Early Skills Testing next quarter on any ~ previous skills. The student will then be required to attend Regular Skills testing and be tested on a current quarter's skill and any skill from previous quarters during Final Week with all other students.