



Midwifery Program, Advanced Nursing Practice Division Comprehensive End-of-Program Examination

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1. Policy Statement

To ensure compliance with the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) standards and to maintain the integrity of professional clinical education, the Rutgers School of Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Program maintains specialized student policies that supplement those of the Rutgers School of Nursing and Rutgers University. These policies are designed to uphold the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice and ensure that every student meets the rigorous technical and behavioral standards necessary for safe, independent midwifery practice. Furthermore, these program-specific guidelines provide the administrative framework for verifying eligibility for national certification through the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB). By adhering to these tailored policies, the program ensures a consistent educational environment that prioritizes patient safety, clinical excellence, and the successful transition of students into the professional workforce.

2. Reasons for Policy

To provide midwifery-specific guidelines on the nurse-midwifery comprehensive end-of-program examination, which students must successfully pass to complete the program.

3. Who Should Review This Policy

All students, faculty, and staff who are a part of, or who support, the Nurse-Midwifery Program.

4. Resources and Related Documents:

- [Midwifery Student Handbook](#)
- Rutgers School of Nursing [Classroom and Clinical Attendance Policy](#)
- Rutgers School of Nursing Graduate Program [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- Rutgers School of Nursing Graduate Program [Grades and Records Policy](#)
- Rutgers School of Nursing Graduate Program [Practicum Student Success Policy](#)

5. The Policy: Nurse-Midwifery Comprehensive Examination

Purpose

The purpose of the Nurse-Midwifery Comprehensive Examination is to evaluate students' readiness for safe, entry-level practice as beginning practitioners and their preparedness for national certification examinations.

Standards and Requirements

All Nurse-Midwifery and Dual Women's Health/Nurse-Midwifery students are required to pass (with a grade of $\geq 79.5\%$) a comprehensive nurse-midwifery examination during the final semester of the program. This standardized examination covers all major topics in the Nurse-Midwifery programs including health assessment, pharmacology, pathophysiology, and primary, gynecological, antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn care.

Remediation. Students who do not achieve a score of $\geq 79.5\%$ on the first attempt will be required to meet with course faculty within 3 days of the first attempt to develop an individualized remediation plan.

Within 2 weeks from the development of the individualized remediation plan, students will take a second (different) comprehensive examination and are required to earn a passing score ($\geq 79.5\%$) in order to pass the course and complete the program. Students who do not achieve a passing score ($\geq 79.5\%$) on the second attempt will not qualify for graduation and will be required to meet with the Program Director within 1 week from the date of the second attempt to develop a formal remediation plan.

Consistent with the School of Nursing Advanced Nursing Practice Division policy, Grades and Records, this situation is considered an *unanticipated event*; students are expected to demonstrate proficiency on this examination consistent with prior coursework, including achieving a 79.5% weighted average on examinations in all midwifery courses.

Students entering remediation will:

- Earn a grade of Incomplete (I) for the course
- Enroll in a 1-credit independent study course in the subsequent term
- Collaboratively develop a faculty-approved Plan of Study, including clearly defined deliverables and expectations

Upon successful completion of the remediation requirements in the independent study course in the same semester, the student will be granted one final (third) opportunity to take the comprehensive examination. Students who achieve a score of $\geq 79.5\%$ on the third attempt will be considered to have successfully completed the course and fulfilled the comprehensive examination requirement. Students who do not achieve a score of $\geq 79.5\%$ on the third attempt will be dismissed from the Nurse-Midwifery program and are not eligible for a dismissal appeal; however, they may be considered for readmission. Readmission decisions are made on a case-by-case basis by the Nurse-Midwifery Program Director.