

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND COURSES

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

### NURSING CORE QUALIFYING EXAM

Effective May 2021, all students enrolling in the Associate of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, or Direct Entry programs must achieve minimum passing scores on the Nursing Core Qualifying Exam (NCQE). The NCQE will be administered on campus and may be taken initially up to 2 times. Prospective students need only retake the exam for the subjects that they failed on the first attempt. Prospective students who fail to pass the NCQE on their second attempt must complete enrichment classes prior to enrollment, as described below. Prospective students should contact the Office of Admissions to schedule their initial NCQEs. Exam takers are responsible for the cost of each assessment taken. The table below displays the minimum passing scores required for each academic area of the NCQE:

Nursing Core Qualifying Exam (NCQE)	Minimum Reading Score	Minimum Mathematics Score	Minimum Science Score
HESI*	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%

Alternatively, official scores from exams listed in the table below taken within the past 5 years will be accepted in place of the on-campus NCQE with the following minimum passing scores:

Nursing Core Qualifying Exam Alternatives	Minimum Score
ATI TEAS*	58.7%
SAT*	1000
ACT*	19

\*Qualifying exams and minimum passing scores are subject to change as a result of evidence based findings, best practices, program outcomes, or other relevant factors. Miami Regional University reserves the right to change the vendors and assessments administered and accepted for the NCQE at any time without notice.

#### Subject Matter Waivers

Prospective students who have a C or higher in the last 10 years from an accredited institution in an NCQE subject area do not need to take the exam portion for that subject area. For example, students with a C or higher in College Algebra or equivalent in the last 10 years from

an accredited institution do not need to take the math portion of the NCQE. Subject matter waivers are not available for the ATI, TEAS, SAT, or ACT at this time. Prospective students must achieve the total minimum passing scores indicated in the chart above on an alternative qualifying exam for the score to be accepted in place of the on-campus NCQE.

#### Foreign Doctors

Foreign doctors with degrees from accredited institutions that are recognized by Miami Regional University do not have to take the Science portion of the NCQE.

#### Review Book

A review book for the NCQE is available for purchase at the bookstore.

#### Enrichment Classes

Prospective students who do not pass the NCQE after 2 attempts must take classes in the Enrichment Program in the subject areas that they failed. After successfully completing the Enrichment Program for their required classes, students may begin general education courses.

#### Proceeding to Nursing Core

At the completion of their general education courses and prior to entering the nursing core, students who did not pass the NCQE on their second try will take a third NCQE in the subject areas that they previously failed. Students seeking to proceed to the nursing core should contact the Office of Academic Advisement and Student Success to schedule their third NCQE. Students who pass the NCQE may then proceed to the nursing core.