

### **Challenge Exams**

1. Exams are only given during the specified exam periods for each semester. Challenge examinations are instructor developed tests that are specific to WSU Nursing Baccalaureate curriculum.
2. The challenge examination must be passed at 80% or higher.
3. Nursing 4500, Management and Leadership in Nursing is the only course that can be challenged. The challenge exam **cannot** be taken if a student has previously registered for NRS 4500.
4. Challenge Exams are only given during the first week of October and March.
5. A challenge exam can only be taken one time. If student does not pass the exam, fees will not be refunded.

#### **A. Challenging Nursing 4500 Management and Leadership in Nursing**

To meet the course challenge requirements for Nursing 4500, students must have prior experience and knowledge related to nursing management and leadership concepts. The student must meet criteria and requirements related to minimum work experience in a nurse manager position, validated through supervisor documentation and schedule a one-on-one interview with the faculty prior to taking the challenge exam.

#### **Documentation**

1. Letter from supervisor verifying your position title and years in the position.
2. Updated resume or vitae.
3. Current job description/performance for your manager role.
4. Five (5) years of experience in a nurse manager position. This manager position must have 24/7 accountability for a patient care unit, including the job functions of hiring, disciplinary action, budget planning and resource allocation, staffing and scheduling and overall patient care delivery.

#### **B. Procedure for Taking a Challenge Exam**

1. Review Student Handbook to confirm specific course criteria. Contact the BSN Secretary at (801) 626-6122 or [tiffanybennett@weber.edu](mailto:tiffanybennett@weber.edu), [to make arrangements to take the exam. Obtain an Application for Credit form.](#)
2. Gather letters and other documentation as listed above.
3. Submit documentation to the BSN secretary **a minimum of three weeks prior** to the exam week. She will forward the information to the identified faculty member for review. Submit Application for Credit form.

4. Once the student is approved to take the challenge exam, they must obtain the signed Application for Credit form from the BSN secretary and take it to the WSU cashier and pay the fee. The form will be stamped as a receipt for verification of payment. Bring the stamped form back to BSN Secretary who will give the student a copy to take to the testing center on test day. The original will be held by the BSN secretary until testing has been completed.
5. Complete challenge exam in the approved testing center. Date and time for taking the test will be determined by the nursing faculty.
6. The student will be notified of challenge exam score by the identified faculty member.
7. When the student passes the challenge exam, the BSN secretary will forward the Application for Credit form to the Records office.
8. Appropriate upper division credits for the course will be given. Letter grades are not given. Credit given will not be considered for residency requirements.