

Austin Community College

Memorandum

To: Fall 2011 Level 3 Students

From: Level 3 Faculty: Jennifer Brimberry, Stacy Dudley

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RE: Mandatory Skills Competency Check-off

On Monday, August 29, 2011, you will be taking a required Skills Competency Check-Off for VNSG 2462. This check-off will be conducted in a format similar to the Skills Practicum Check-Offs in VNSG 1423 & 2331. You will be given a client scenario and asked to complete several skills. See attached Example.

We strongly recommend that, in order to be prepared for this check-off, you review all skills taught in VNSG 1423 and VNSG 2331. Critical skills such as Medication Administration (PO, Topical and Parenteral: Sub-Q, IM), Physical Assessment (General & Disease Specific/ Focused), Sterile Dressing Change, Catheterization, etc. are potential skills that you may be asked to demonstrate.

Be aware that the check-off will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis and you will be allowed **two attempts** to successfully pass the check-off. If you are absent on the day of a scheduled check-off, this counts as a failure. If unsuccessful on the second attempt, you will **NOT** be allowed to progress in the course and will be withdrawn from the program.

You may be able to utilize the skills lab for individual practice during the break between spring & summer classes. Please see the nursing Skills Lab Homepage for available practice times. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONCE THE FALL SEMESTER BEGINS, THERE IS LIMITED AVAILABLE PRACTICE TIME. SO USE THE AVAILABLE TIME DURING THE INTERSESSION WISELY!

Bring your lab pack to the competency check-off. You may also use it at home for practice! If you have any questions regarding this check-off, please feel free to ask any of the Level III faculty.

Have a safe and happy break! We will see you on the first day of the fall semester, Monday, August 22, 2011 at 8 am in Room 8248.

EXAMPLE SCENARIO

A 62 year-old, male client returns to your floor, post-op colectomy. This patient also has a history of Type 2 Diabetes.

Doctor's orders include:

Vital Signs q4h

IV ½ NS @ 75ml/hr

PCA – Dilaudid 0.1mg basal, 10 min lockout, 0.2 mg dose

Rocephin 1 GM IVPB q8h

I&O

Clear liquids ADA advance as tolerated

Accucheck ac/hs

Novolog Insulin Subcutaneous

| Corrective Coverage | |
|---------------------|----------|
| 0–120 | 0 units |
| 121–150 | 1 unit |
| 151–199 | 2 units |
| 200–249 | 4 units |
| 250–299 | 6 units |
| 300–349 | 8 units |
| 350–400 | 10 units |
| > 400 | call MD |

Foley to gravity

Dressing change 1st day post-op

It is 0745. Your patient's blood sugar is 152.

Following the nursing process you are to:

- Perform and verbalize a focused physical assessment noting critical aspects based on patient diagnoses.
- Change post-op dressing.