



Memorandum

TO: Students Enrolling in VNSG 2463

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RE: MANDATORY SKILLS COMPETENCY CHECK-OFF

On **WEDNESDAY**, January 25, 2012 you will take a required skills competency check-off for VNSG 2463. This check-off will be conducted in a similar format as the skills practicum check-offs in the past. You will be given a client scenario and asked to complete several skills and a focused assessment within a given timeframe.

In order to be prepared for this check-off, we strongly recommend that you review all skills. Critical skills such as medication administration (po, topical, parenteral, Sub Q, and IM), physical assessment (general and focused), sterile dressing changes, catheterizations, tube feedings, and therapeutic communication are potential skills that you may be asked to demonstrate. **Bring your lab pack to the competency check-off.**

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as a failure.** If unsuccessful on the second attempt you will not be allowed to progress in the course and will be withdrawn from this course and all co-requisite courses (VNSG 1219, VNSG 1230, and VNSG 1234).

The lab will be open for students to practice. Please go to <http://www.austincc.edu/health/skillslab/hours.php> to obtain availability of the nursing skills lab.

If you have any questions regarding this check-off please ask any of the Level IV faculty.

Have a safe and happy break. We will see you on the first day of classes.