

**MOLLOY UNIVERSITY**  
**BARBARA H. HAGAN SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM**  
**GUIDELINE FOR BASIC PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT TESTING**

1. Students will be advised of requirement during advisement.
2. Students and advisor will sign advisement acknowledgement form.
3. Students will be notified of testing dates and re-take date via email.
4. Students will sign up for one of two testing dates offered.
5. Grades for the written and practicum exam will be posted on-line.
6. Students who fail one or both parts of the exam will be able to re-take the part they failed ONE time only with a re-examination fee of \$100.00.
7. There will be one re-testing date offered each semester. Student will contact BPA Coordinator to schedule re-test.
8. Students who have re-taken the written or practicum and have not been successful in passing must make an appointment with the program track coordinator to discuss progression.
  - Students who sign up for a testing date and fail to re-schedule/show will automatically be assigned a testing date and be notified via email.
  - Students who do not schedule a testing date will not be able to progress in the program.
  - Student must enroll in Advanced Physical Assessment within 1 year of passing BPA testing. If not, student will be required to re-test.

## **BPA Exam Guidelines**

**SAMPLE FORM**

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GRADUATE NURSING  
Basic Physical Assessment Exam Guideline**

The following is the procedure for taking the Basic Physical Assessment Competency Examination, which is a **pre-requisite** the semester before you take Advanced Physical Assessment (NUR 5721, 5722, 5723). All APRN students are required to have taken a Basic Physical Assessment course as part of program entrance requirements. Nursing 5721, 5722, and 5723 explore advanced assessment techniques and mastery of basic physical assessment skills and is a prerequisite to this course.

**This letter outlines all the information you need to sign up and prepare for this exam. Please read the information carefully and follow the directions.**

**All Students must have access to their Molloy Canvas accounts to take exam and communicate with the assigned faculty member.**

The Basic Physical Assessment Competency Examination will consist of a 50-item multiple-choice exam and an observed demonstration of a randomly selected body system. The multiple-choice examination will be based on *Bate's Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking*. The exam will be administered on campus, in person, through Canvas. A room assignment will be forthcoming. The skills demonstration will be conducted in the Hagan Lab 107. Students must receive a passing grade for both elements to begin NUR 5721, 5722, and 5723. The passing grade for the written exam is 76% and the skills demo is graded as Pass or Fail.

There will be two examination dates offered to those students who have met progression requirements prior to registering for NUR 5721, 5722, and 5723. Students who fail one or more parts of the examination will be able to retake the portion(s) that they failed **one time only** with a re-examination fee of \$100. Students who have retaken the exam and have a second failure must meet with the Program Coordinator to discuss options of progression.

The multiple-choice examination will precede the observed demonstration. The multiple-choice exam will begin at 6 PM and end at 7 PM in Canvas. The exam will be taken and then the student will report to lab 107 for the practicum portion.

**The Exam/Practicum are scheduled**

- **Monday XXXXXXXX exam at 6 PM and Practicum at 7PM**
- Or**
- **Monday XXXXXXXX exam at 6 PM and Practicum at 7PM**

**Students must register for ONE testing date.**

**The re-test date is XXXXXXXX.** (This testing date is **strictly for those re-testing**) exam at 6 PM and Practicum at 7PM.

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### **MANDATORY ZOOM MEETING**

There will be a **ZOOM meeting on XXXXXXXXX at 7:00 pm** for all students registered for the exam. **The link will be posted in the Canvas shell.**

The application, dates of continuing education courses, and study guide are attached with this letter. Please complete the application and return to [Cdelgado@molloy.edu](mailto:Cdelgado@molloy.edu) by XX/XX/23. You will receive a **Canvas invite via your molloy email** to the course within 10 days of sending your completed application in.

#### **Resources for the exam/practicum:**

1. Bickley, Lynn. Bate's Guide to Physical Assessment, 13<sup>th</sup> ed.
2. Attached study guide
3. The easiest way to access Bates is using the **JETfind** search box with any of the following list of keywords is: bates dvd; bates; bates videos; graduate nursing; physical examination; bates physical assessment; streaming bates; bates streaming.  
<https://molloy.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://batesvisualguide.com>. Bates can also be found on [A-Z Databases](#).
4. Continuing Education at Molloy offers a Basic Physical Assessment course. All students interested in taking the course should contact Continuing Education at 516.323.3550 or [conted@molloy.edu](mailto:conted@molloy.edu). This course is scheduled on various weeks prior to the exam and is a three-day course. Course dates and information regarding registering for the course are available through Continuing Education. Graduate Nursing does not schedule students for this resource. Students contact Continuing Ed directly.
5. Tutoring/practice sessions will be available to students in the graduate lab free of charge and the dates will be posted in the Canvas shell. Students will sign up directly with Professor Cozzi-Gottlieb for posted tutoring sessions.

If your physical assessment skills are rusty, it is strongly advised that you sign up for a continuing education course, review the BATES videos available through the Molloy library, and practice physical assessment techniques prior to testing.

**BPA Application – Sample**

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**Molloy University  
The Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing and Health Sciences Graduate  
APRN Programs**

**Application for Basic Physical Assessment Competency Exam**

(For Students taking Advanced Physical Assessment during SPRING 2023 Semester)

Applications must be submitted to Celi Delgado via e-mail to [cdelgado@molloy.edu](mailto:cdelgado@molloy.edu) at least 2 weeks before the requested testing date

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application \_\_\_\_\_ Molloy e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Major (circle one): AGNP AG-ACNP FNP PNP PMHNP CNS

Name of advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of test requested (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, **DATE** Written Exam 6pm / Skills Exam 7 - 9pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, **DATE** Written Exam 6pm / Skills Exam 7 - 9pm

FOR RE-TEST ONLY Monday, **DATE2** Written Exam 6pm / Skills Exam 7 - 9pm

This is my: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial test

\_\_\_\_\_ Re-test (applications for re-tests will be billed by Office of the  
Bursar for \$100)

Taking the pre-test is required

**This is not a registration guarantee for Advanced Physical Assessment in the **DATE 2023**  
Semester.**

**BPA Advisement Notice - Sample**

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**MOLLOY UNIVERSITY  
BARBARA HAGAN SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES  
GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**During advisement, a review of my plan of study was conducted for the Advanced Practice Nursing Program. Based upon this discussion, I understand that I will need to take the Basic Physical Assessment (BPA) examination. This qualifying test is a pre-requisite, prior to registering for Advanced Physical Assessment.**

**I have been advised to take the BPA exam during the semester that I am enrolled in Advanced Pathophysiology & Pharmacology.**

**I am aware, that BPA testing is good for one year, and I will have to re-test if I enroll in Advanced Physical Assessment more than one year later than my BPA testing date.**

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Note: adjustments can be made based upon my progression in the program)**