University of Portland School of Nursing (UPSON) Technology Policy for Computerized Testing in UPSON Courses

Greetings from the University of Portland School of Nursing!

We are thrilled that you are enrolled as an incoming nursing student at the University of Portland! Before you launch into your first semester, we would like to provide you with information regarding computerized testing in the School of Nursing.

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), is a standardized test that every nursing state regulatory board uses to determine if a nursing graduate is ready to become licensed as an entry-level nurse. The test is administered electronically. Computerized testing has been part of the NCLEX-RN licensing exam since 1994.

UPSON uses electronic testing software, Examplify, to mimic NCLEX-RN testing. The computerized testing environment:
- Provides performance analytics in each course, across each semester, and across the program.
  - Allows student guidance in necessary areas of strengthening – aligned with the NCLEX test plan.
- Provides robust data analytics to inform UPSON on alignment of curriculum with the NCLEX test plan.
  - Provides data to guide UPSON curriculum development in preparing students for NCLEX.
- Allows for question formats that mimic NCLEX.
  - Increase student familiarity with question styles used on NCLEX.
- Literature review demonstrates that use of computerized testing in nursing program enhances ease and familiarization with computerized testing on NCLEX.

UPSON Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Policy

To take your computerized exams, each student is required to have a fully functioning computing device for testing. **Fully functioning includes operating specifics for software functioning, battery life for the duration of the test, high-resolution webcam and microphone. This includes:**
- Device: Laptop with keyboard, webcam, microphone, headset port (equipment purchased within last 3-4 years will work)

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE LAPTOP COMPUTERS

PC laptop   PC 2-in-1   Surface Pro or Book with required keyboard   MacBook laptop

- Headset: Corded or Bluetooth acceptable

- Fully charged battery: Each student is required to come with a fully charged battery. If your battery will not hold a charge for the full testing period, you will need to bring a portable charger (that does not require an external power source). We cannot guarantee access to a power outlet.

- Privacy screen (OPTIONAL): To protect your screen from others' view.

In some situations, students may be able to make use of limited devices from the library. These devices are limited in number and available first come, first served. Please consult with the digital library desk, second floor of the Clark Library.

Thank you so very much for your time and attention in preparing for the use of computerized testing. We are excited to provide students with the opportunity to mimic NCLEX-style testing, in preparation for the licensing examination upon graduation!