

Monitoring of Student Achievement via Self-Evaluation Exam (SEE)

Policy

DNP students take the SEE at the end of their didactic phase (second summer) and again in the third year, at the end of their summer semester. Fees for the first two SEE are paid by the program. Any additional examinations are at the student's expense.

Purpose

The SEE exam is a national exam with established validity, reliability and correlates with the National Certification Examination (NCE). Questions have the same formats and are from the same pool as NCE questions. The Self-Evaluation Examination, administered by the NBCRNA, has three objectives:

1. To provide information to students about their progress in the nurse anesthesia program.
2. To provide information to program directors on how well their programs are preparing students with the knowledge they need for anesthesia practice.
3. To prepare students for the National Certification Examination experience by:
 - a. Adopting of the National Certification Examination (NCE) content outline for question development
 - b. Reporting scores on the four NCE knowledge domains:
 - i. Basic Sciences
 - ii. Equipment, Instrumentation and Technology
 - iii. General Principles of Anesthesia
 - iv. Surgical Procedures and Special Populations
 - c. To prepare students for the National Certification Exam experience

To meet these objectives, the examination has specifications like those of the NCE, is administered under secure conditions, and has a reporting system designed to provide maximum feedback to students and program administrators. Although specifications like the NCE are used for the SEE, successful completion does not guarantee a passing score on the NCE.

Definitions

- **SEE:** The Self-Evaluation Examination is a computerized adaptive test intended to help both students and programs identify their respective strengths and weaknesses before students take the NCE. The SEE includes multiple-choice questions and alternative question formats such as multiple correct response, calculations, hotspot, and drag and drop. The SEE consists of 240 questions over a maximum of 4 hours.
- **Program Benchmark:** Minimum score set by the program which is currently

predictive of student success on the National Certification Exam (NCE). However, achieving the program benchmark on the SEE does not guarantee success on the NCE. **Program benchmark on the SEE is 429**

The Clarkson College Nurse Anesthesia Program requires students to achieve a minimum score of 429 on the SEE as a requirement to successfully complete the final Clinical Anesthesia Practicum course. Students must successfully complete the final Clinical Anesthesia Practicum course before graduating and before being allowed to sit for the National Certification Examination.

Procedure

1. The Program Administrator will create a SEE application for each eligible student via the NBCRNA Online Certification Portal.
2. Department-Education Committee will monitor each student's SEE score.
3. Successfully achieving the program benchmarks:
 - a. If a student's end of didactic phase SEE score successfully achieves the program benchmark of 400, the student will continue successfully in the program. The SEE must be taken again between the eighth and ninth semesters as this is the graduate requirement SEE.
 - b. If a student's second (graduate requirement) SEE score successfully achieves the program benchmark of 429, the student will continue successfully in the program and will be eligible to graduate.
4. Unsuccessfully achieving the program benchmarks
 - a. If a student's end of didactic phase SEE score falls below the program benchmark of 400, the Academic Progression Committee will be notified and the student will be counseled to include writing their study plan, taking additional SEEs, and/or other supplementary study instruction.
 - b. If a student's graduate requirement SEE score falls below the program benchmark of 429, the Academic Progression Committee will be notified, an Academic Contract will be developed in partnership with the student and the student will be counseled to include writing/revising their own study plan, addressing problem areas.

Failure to meet the program benchmark of 429 will result in the student being required to retake the SEE until a score of 429 is achieved at their own expense.

Academic Contracts will specify when the SEE must be retaken to assess progress, but students are encouraged to assess their own readiness and retake the SEE as they feel prepared.

All additional SEE exams above the two required exams will be at the student's own expense and will require using personal days from their clinical time allotment. It is the student's responsibility to give the Program Director ample notice of their readiness to retake the SEE and the need to complete a SEE application.

SEE exams must be taken one day before the program completion date on record with the NBCRNA. The NBCRNA does not allow students to take the SEE on or after the program completion date on record with the NBCRNA.

DNP students who fail to achieve the program benchmark of 429 on the SEE by one day before the program completion date on record with the NBCRNA, will receive an incomplete in their final clinical anesthesia practicum course. They may file a Petition for Reconsideration requesting an extension of their end of program date to the last day of the first 7.5 weeks of the Spring Semester per the Clarkson College academic calendar. If a 429 on the SEE is still not achieved in the first half of the spring semester, the student may file one more Petition for Reconsideration to extend their end of program date to the end of the Spring semester, which is the second 7.5 weeks of the Spring Semester per the Clarkson College academic calendar. Since students cannot graduate before the new designated end of program date, when the SEE benchmark is achieved, the NCE application will be submitted one business day following the new end of program date. These are the only extensions available to the student.

Failure to achieve the program benchmark as outlined above will result in an "F" grade in the final Clinical Anesthesia Practicum course and academic or administrative withdrawal from the Nurse Anesthesia Program and Clarkson College.

See Clarkson College Policy AA-2 Progression

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