1. In Level 5, all students are required to take the HESI Exit Exam. Completion of a HESI Comprehensive Practice Exam is required prior to taking the HESI Exit Exam. Students who do not achieve the designated benchmark score (850) will be required to complete a remediation plan, and show evidence of completion of that remediation plan as well as a second HESI Comprehensive Practice Exam, prior to retaking the HESI Exit exam.

2. A student who does not achieve the designated benchmark score on either the first or second HESI exit exam will not meet the requirements of the NURS 454 Concept Synthesis course and the requirements to graduate. If the student meets all other NURS 454 requirements (e.g. achieves a weighted test average of 77% or above on all other course exams, and achieves an overall course grade of 77% or above, excluding the HESI Exit), they will receive a grade of Incomplete in NURS 454 Concept Synthesis.

3. A student who qualifies for a grade of Incomplete in NURS 454, as described above, may retake the HESI Exit after completing remediation as designed in collaboration with the Student Success Coordinator(s) and approved by the Undergraduate Program Director. The student may retake the HESI Exit after remediation is completed, no sooner than 3 weeks and no more than 6 times in a 12-month period. Remediation must be completed after each unsuccessful attempt to achieve the benchmark score on the HESI Exit Exam. All HESI Exit Exam retakes and remediation are at the student’s expense. Suggested remediation may include:
   a. Completion of the NCLEX prep review required of all graduates (e.g. Kaplan), including proof of completion and achievement of passing score of all activities.
   b. Completion of an additional NCLEX prep product (e.g. ATI), including proof of completion and achievement of passing score of activities focused on identified deficits from the HESI Exit Exam.
   c. Completion of the remaining topics of the additional NCLEX prep product (e.g. ATI), including proof of completion and achievement of passing score of activities.

4. When a student with a grade of incomplete in NURS 454 achieves the benchmark score on the HESI Exit, the HESI Exit score will be 76% in the NURS 454 course grade.

5. Failure to achieve a benchmark score on the HESI Exit within a 12-month period converts the NURS 454 grade of Incomplete to a grade of F. If this is the student’s first failure in the Nursing program, the student may retake NURS 454, if space is available, and repeat the process.

6. The designated benchmark HESI Exit score as of 1/2015 is 850.