Week 1: AACN Self-Assessment Essentials  
The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional

NursingSelf-Assessment

Understanding your competencies related to information systems in healthcare providesyou with valuable information as you begin this course. Throughout the course you will discover how course content will be related to *The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing*from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2008).

You must complete this self-assessment, which is based on the *Essentials*, prior to posting tothe Week 1 Threaded Discussion. Place a check mark or X in the column that best describes your current level of competency or understanding of the *Essential’s*statement. *There are no incorrect answers.*After you have completed the assessment, total the number of points you earned.Record this number in a location where you will be able to retrieve it at the end of the course, when it will serve as the basis for future threaded discussions.

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| **AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing) Baccalaureate Essentials** | **Poor**  **1** | **Good**  **2** | **Very Good**  **3** | **Excellent**  **4** |
| Demonstrate skills in using patient-care technologies, information systems, andcommunication devices that support safe nursing practice. |  |  |  |  |
| Use telecommunication technologies to assist in effective communication in a varietyof healthcare settings. |  |  |  |  |
| Apply safeguards and decision-making support tools embedded in patient caretechnologies and information systems to support a safe practice environment for bothpatients and healthcare workers. |  |  |  |  |
| Understand the use of CIS systems to document interventions related to achievingnurse-sensitive outcomes. |  |  |  |  |
| Use standardized terminology in a care environment that reflects nursing’s uniquecontribution to patient outcomes. |  |  |  |  |
| Evaluate data from all relevant sources, including technology, to inform the deliveryof care. |  |  |  |  |
| Recognize the role of information technology in improving patient care outcomes andcreating a safe care environment. |  |  |  |  |
| Uphold ethical standards related to data security, regulatory requirements,confidentiality, and clients’ right to privacy. |  |  |  |  |
| Apply patient caretechnologies as appropriate to address the needs of a diversepatient population. |  |  |  |  |
| Advocate for the use of new patient care technologies for safe, quality care. |  |  |  |  |
| Recognize that redesign of workflow and care processes should precedeimplementation of care technology to facilitate nursing practice. |  |  |  |  |
| Participate in evaluation of information systems in practice settings through policyand procedure development. |  |  |  |  |
| **Total for each column** |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand total** |  | | | |

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). (2008). *The essentials of baccalaureate education for professional nursing practice*. Washington, DC: AACN. Retrieved fromhttp://www.aacn.nche.edu/education-resources/baccessentials08.pdf/