Appendix 6.2. Licensing or Standardized Examinations Used in Program Assessment

Our undergraduate nursing program tracks first-time-pass rates of their graduates on the NCLEX examination, which is currently above 90%. Our undergraduate chemistry majors take the ACS examination and have been found to be comparable to the national norms. Our business programs administer the Business Aptitude Test and scores are compared to other CSUs. At present, our scores are lower than designated comparisons schools, and as part of AACSB accreditation the College of Business is addressing this.

The credential programs in the College of Education require candidates to pass a number of standardized tests. For instance in the Multiple Subject Credential (which is for those who want to teach in grades K-8), candidates have passed the CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test) before being accepted to a credential program, the CSET (California Subject Exam for Teachers) usually before beginning a student teaching placement, and the RICA (Reading Instruction Competence Assessment) and PACT (Performance Assessment for California Teachers) before being recommended for the credential itself.

The graduates of the BS Nutritional Science degree with a dietetics concentration are eligible to take the examination to become a Registered Dietician.