

ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR PROGRESSION

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All students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 and can repeat a course with a failing grade in accordance with the program-specific terms below. Students are not permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a passing grade.

- MSN (Entry into Nursing) students will be required to repeat a course if they earn a grade below a C- (70%). Students can repeat one course one time.
- MSN (Advanced Practice) and DNP students will be required to repeat a course if they earn a grade below a B- (80%). Students can repeat one course one time.
- Ph.D. students will be required to repeat a course if they earn a grade below a B (83%) in core nursing courses and a grade below a C (73%) in non-nursing core courses (biostatistics). Ph.D. students can repeat more than one course one time.

All students taking NR.210.606 Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice and NR.210.608 The Research Process and Its Application to Evidence-Based Practice can earn a C- in one of these courses without needing to repeat. If a student earns a C+, C, or C- for both courses, they must repeat one of the two and may not repeat any other course in the program.

Nurse Anesthesia students can earn a C- in NR.210.670 Human Anatomy without needing to repeat the course.

Students will be dismissed from the program at any time if it is mathematically impossible to attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 by the end of the academic program.

MSN Entry into Nursing students may not progress to new semester coursework if all previous semester coursework is not successfully completed.

In the event that a student does not need to repeat a course but has a cumulative GPA below 3.0, the student will be placed on academic probation, suspended, dismissed, and/or subject to other conditions.

In the event the student is on probation for more than two consecutive semesters because the cumulative GPA remains below a 3.0, the student may be suspended, dismissed, and/or be subject to other conditions, whether or not it is mathematically possible to achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 by the time of graduation.

When a student need to repeat a course to continue in their respective program of study:

- The student will be placed on academic probation and remain so until the course has been successfully completed.
- The student must take and pass the course the next time it is offered.
- the student may not be able to progress in the program if the course is a prerequisite for subsequent course(s) and/or there is a gap in semester(s) between the next available course offering.
- Student must notify the Office of Financial Aid of any delay of progression.

Academic probation, suspension, and dismissal are a permanent part of the student transcript.

Note that students who are in interdivisional courses and/or are enrolled in a joint or dual program must meet progression requirements in both schools.

If a student earns a failing grade as defined by their program or has a cumulative GPA below 3.0, the student will be referred to the Progressions Committee.

- The student should meet with their advisor prior to the Progressions Committee meeting to explain any extenuating circumstances regarding the course grade(s). The student is allowed to formulate a written statement to submit to the committee regarding past grades and performance. This letter should be sent privately to the advisor and members of the Progressions Committee. The letter should be available to committee members at least 24 hours prior to the committee meeting.
- As the student representative, the adviser is also allowed to verbally present additional relevant information at the meeting of the Progressions Committee.
- In addition to any above-listed outcomes, the Progressions Committee may impose other conditions for continuing in the program.
- The student will receive a letter from the Progressions Committee Chair outlining the decision of the committee.
- A student may appeal decisions of the Progressions Committee in writing to the School of Nursing Executive Vice Dean within 10 business days of the Progressions Committee letter. The student's statement will set forth the grounds for the appeal. The Executive Vice Dean will have access to documents reviewed during the Progressions Committee hearing. The Executive Vice Dean will send a written response to the student. The student may appeal the decision of the Executive Vice Dean to the Dean in writing within 10 business days of the Executive Vice Dean's letter. The decision of the Dean will be final.