

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA - ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, ACADEMIC WARNING, PROBATION, AND SUSPENSION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Undergraduate nursing students are subject to all academic policies set forth in the Seattle University Catalog including Policy #2004-2, *Admission to the University* and Policy #2022-01, *Academic Warning, Probation, Suspension, and Reinstatement Policy for Undergraduate Students*. This College of Nursing policy describes additional conditions for admission, progression, academic warning, probation, and suspension for students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Diagnostic Ultrasound (DIUS) programs.

I. Admission

- A. **Freshman Admission:** In addition to the university admission standards, all applicants to the College of Nursing traditional 4-year BSN program must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.75 (on a 4.00 scale), and two units of laboratory science, one each in laboratory chemistry and laboratory biology. All applicants to the Diagnostic Ultrasound (DIUS) program must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.75 (on a 4.00 scale), and two units of laboratory science, one each in laboratory chemistry and laboratory physics.
- B. **Transfer and Post-Baccalaureate Admission:** For transfer students applying to the BSN program or DIUS program from other regionally accredited colleges or universities, admission requirements include receipt by the Seattle University Office of Admissions of an official transcript verifying completion of prerequisite courses. Additionally, transfer applicants must meet the following criteria for entry into the nursing course sequence:
 - i) transfer of 90 credits, per University Policy #2004-2, *Admission to the University*,
 - ii) a grade of at least C (2.00 on the decimal system) in each nursing major prerequisite course and in each DIUS prerequisite course.
 - iii) a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 and a 3.0 GPA in all nursing and DIUS prerequisite courses.
- C. **Internal Transfers:** Current SU student requests for internal transfer to the nursing or DIUS major will be considered on a space available basis. Qualified applicants who wish to change their major to nursing or DIUS must meet the freshman admission criteria outlined above.

II. Progression

- A. For SU traditional 4-year students and internal transfer students to begin the nursing sequence courses (NURS) or DIUS sequence courses, a student must complete all UCOR and nursing or DIUS major prerequisite courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a GPA of 3.0 in the nursing or DIUS prerequisite courses.
- B. After having completed all of the nursing or DIUS prerequisite courses, progression through the nursing and Diagnostic Ultrasound program of study for all students is assured only when a student meets all academic standards as outlined in Policy #2022-01, *Academic Warning, Probation, Suspension, and Reinstatement Policy for Undergraduate Students*.
- C. Progression is based on the sequential arrangement of the curriculum. Students may not take a succeeding level course without completion of the previous level course(s) or prerequisite

courses, without recommendation of the progression committee and/or the approval of the Associate Dean.

- D. A student who takes fewer than the required nursing or DIUS credits for the specified program of study will be considered 'out of sequence.' Courses are not offered every quarter, which will affect the timing of re-entry and program completion. Out of sequence students will be allowed to register for nursing or DIUS courses on a space-available basis.
- E. When a curriculum change occurs, the student must complete their enrolled program of study within one (1) year of the last regularly scheduled course in the former curriculum OR apply for admission into the new curriculum.

III. Repeating and Withdrawing from Courses

- A. A student who receives a grade lower than C (2.00) or a W (withdrawal) in any nursing or DIUS course must repeat that course. A student may attempt to successfully complete a course three times. Necessary repetition of a course may prompt academic warning, probation, or suspension as in accordance with Policy #2022-01, *Academic Warning, Probation, Suspension, and Reinstatement Policy for Undergraduate Students*.
- B. A student who fails or withdraws from a stand-alone nursing clinical course must repeat the clinical course for a grade and must audit the related theory course concurrently. Awarding of a passing grade in the clinical course being repeated is contingent upon meeting the attendance requirement of the theory class. The student will be permitted to register for a course being repeated only on a space-available basis.
- C. Because repeating a course puts the student out of sequence, a new plan of study must be developed by the student in consultation with their nursing advisor, or DIUS advisor and the DIUS program director for progression through the sequence of nursing or DIUS courses. A copy of the plan will be placed in the student's academic file.

IV. Graduation

- A. A minimum of a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 GPA in all the nursing or DIUS major courses is required for graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Ultrasound degree, or a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Diagnostic Ultrasound.

V. Academic Warning, Probation, and Suspension

- A. Determination and processes of academic warning, probation, and suspension at Seattle University are outlined in Policy #2022-01, *Academic Warning, Probation, Suspension, and Reinstatement Policy for Undergraduate Students*, and this policy applies to all students within the College of Nursing.

VI. Academic Integrity

- A. Nursing and Diagnostic Ultrasound students may be sanctioned for violation of university Policy #2011-3, *Academic Integrity*. This policy applies to all students in the College of Nursing. Disciplinary Dismissal may result from any of the following:
 - i) violation of the Seattle University Code of Student Conduct
 - ii) violation of other university policies and procedures,

- iii) unsafe, unethical, or illegal conduct or behavior, and/or
 - iv) manifesting a pattern of unprofessional conduct that reflects poorly on Seattle University, the College of Nursing, or affiliated agencies. Professional conduct for nursing students is guided by the standards delineated by professional nursing organizations in:
 - (a) American Nurses Association, *Code of Ethics for Nurses*,
 - (b) American Nurses Association, *Scope and Standards of Practice*, 2nd Edition,
 - (c) American Association of Colleges of Nursing, *The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice*, Section VIII, and
 - (d) Washington State Administrative Code (WAC) 246-840-700
 - v) Professional conduct for Diagnostic Ultrasound students is guided by the standards delineated by professional organizations in:
 - (a) Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP)
 - (b) Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, (SDMS) Code of Ethics
 - (c) Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, (SDMS) Scope of Practice
 - (d) Society Diagnostic Medical Sonography, (SDMS) Clinical Standards for the Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
 - (e) American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Inc. (ARDMS)
 - (f) American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM)
 - (g) Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI)
 - (h) Society for Vascular Ultrasound (SVU)
 - (i) American Society of Echocardiography (ASE)
 - vi) If a student is under investigation for alleged unprofessional, unethical, or illegal activities, and/or alleged behavior in conflict with the regulations of the Washington State Quality Assurance Commission for Nursing, the student will be removed from the clinical setting, pending the outcome of the investigation.
- B. Re-Admission After Disciplinary Dismissal: A student must wait one full academic year prior to applying for re-admission to the BSN and DIUS programs following disciplinary dismissal from the university.

VII. Appeals for Disciplinary Dismissal

- A. The decision to dismiss a student or to place a student on academic probation due to a failing grade will be reviewed under the Policy #2022-01, *Academic Warning, Probation, Suspension, and Reinstatement Policy for Undergraduate Students*.
- B. The decision to dismiss a student or to place a student on disciplinary probation because the student has engaged in unsafe, unethical, illegal, or unprofessional conduct or because the student has not demonstrated the requisite knowledge, skills, or judgment needed to be a competent practitioner will be reviewed under University Policy #2011-2, *Professional Conduct: Appeals Procedures*.
- C. An academic penalty that results from a violation of Section 3.5 of the Seattle University Code of Student Conduct, such as cheating or plagiarism, will be reviewed under University Policy #2011-3, *Academic Integrity*.

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