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PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

Undergraduate nursing students are subject to all of the academic policies set forth in the *Seattle University Catalog* and the University's Academic Probation, Dismissal, and Appeal Policies and Procedures for Undergraduate Programs. The following College of Nursing policy describes specific conditions for admission, progression, probation, and dismissal for students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

Admission

1. **Freshman Admission:** In addition to the regular admission standards of the university, all applicants to the College of Nursing 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 of which must be chemistry.

2. **Transfer Admission:** Applicants from other regionally accredited colleges or universities, or from another College or college within Seattle University, must meet the criterion stated in #1 and must have the following:
    a. A grade of at least C (2.00 on the decimal system) in each nursing major prerequisite course for entry into the nursing course sequence.
    b. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 and a 3.0 GPA in all nursing major prerequisite courses.
    c. A grade of at least C (2.00 on the decimal system) in any applicable nursing courses taken prior to admission to Seattle University.

Progression

1. In order to progress into the nursing sequence courses (NURS) in the spring of the sophomore year for SU native students or in the fall of the junior year for transfer students, all prerequisite courses must be completed. Additionally the student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a GPA of 3.0 in the nursing prerequisite courses before an accepted student may enroll in any undergraduate nursing program course. Undergraduate admission requirements include receipt of an official transcript verifying completion of prerequisite courses by the Seattle University Admissions Office. If transcripts are not received by the end of the first quarter in the academic program, the student may not register for the second quarter of classes.

2. Progression through the nursing program of study is assured only when the student:
    a. Achieves a grade of at least C (2.00) in all nursing program prerequisites and in all nursing major (NURS) courses.
    b. Maintains a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 and a 2.75 GPA in all the nursing major (NURS) courses required for degree completion.

3. The student who takes fewer than the required nursing 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 courses on a space-available basis.

4. 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.

5. The student whose conduct is judged unsafe, unethical, illegal, or unprofessional by faculty is the basis for a failing grade. In this case, the student will not be allowed to complete the course(s). Additionally, the student will be placed on academic probation, and may be subject to disciplinary dismissal. (See Dismissal from the College of Nursing section below)

6. When a curriculum change occurs, the student must complete his/her enrolled program of study within one (1) year of the last regularly scheduled course in the former curriculum, OR apply for reinstatement to the new curriculum.

Graduation

A minimum of a 2.50 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in all the nursing major (NURS) courses is required for graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, and must be demonstrated at the time the degree is granted.

Academic Probation

1. A student will be placed on probation for any of the following circumstances:
    a. The student's GPA falls below 2.75 in the nursing major (NURS) courses or below 2.5 cumulative GPA.
    b. The student achieves a grade lower than C (2.00) in any nursing (NURS) course.
    c. The student is found to have engaged in unsafe, unethical, illegal, or unprofessional misconduct. (Misconduct may warrant disciplinary dismissal rather than probation. See Dismissal from the College of Nursing section below).

2. When a student is placed on probation, the Associate Dean, with recommendations as needed from the Progression Committee, establishes the terms and conditions for the student's continuing progression in the BSN program. The student must comply with the conditions of probation in order to progress in the nursing program.

Repeating a Course

1. A student who receives a grade lower than C (2.00) or a W (withdrawal) in any nursing course must repeat that course. The student may repeat any nursing course only once after receiving a grade lower than C or a W.

2. A student who fails or withdraws from either the theory or lab/clinical portion of a combined theory-clinical nursing course must repeat the entire combined course. The course will be taken for the number of credits of the combined course.

3. A student who fails or withdraws from a stand-alone clinical course must repeat the clinical course for a grade and must audit the related theory course concurrently (For definition of course audit, see Policy 97-7, Auditing An Undergraduate Course, available on the Registrar's website at http://www2.seattleu.edu/registrar/Policies.aspx?id=31514). Awarding of a passing grade in the clinical course being repeated is contingent upon meeting the attendance requirement of the theory class. Students must earn a C or better in the repeated stand-alone clinical course in order to progress.

4. The student will be permitted to register for a course being repeated only on a space-available basis.

5. Because repeating a course puts the student out of sequence, a new plan of study must be developed by the student in consultation with his/her nursing advisor for progression through the sequence of nursing courses. A copy of the plan will placed in the student's academic file.

Withdrawing From Courses

1. A student may withdraw only once from any nursing course.

2. A student may not withdraw from a course that is being repeated.

Dismissal From the College of Nursing

Academic Dismissal may result from any of the following:

1. Achievement of a grade lower than C (2.00) in a nursing course being repeated.

2. Achievement of a grade lower than C (2.00) in two nursing courses, even though one course may have been repeated satisfactorily.

3. Course failures and/or withdrawals in the same or in different nursing courses as follows:

    a. Two (2) course failures, or
    b. One (1) course failure and two (2) course withdrawals, or
    c. Three (3) course withdrawals

4. Violation of the Seattle University Academic Integrity Policy (Policy 2004-1, see Registrar's website at https://www.seattleu.edu/registrar/policies.aspx

Disciplinary Dismissal may result from any of the following:

1. Violation of the Seattle University Code of Student Conduct (see http://www2.seattleu.edu/studentdevelopment/Inner.aspx?id=11554).

2. Violation of other university policies and procedures.

3. Unsafe, unethical, illegal or unprofessional conduct or behavior.

4. Manifesting a pattern of unprofessional conduct that reflects poorly on Seattle University, the College of Nursing, or affiliated agencies. Professional conduct is guided by the standards of professional nursing organizations.

5. If a student is under investigation for alleged unprofessional, unethical, or illegal activities, and/or alleged behavior that is in conflict with the regulations of the Washington State Quality Assurance Commission for Nursing, the student will be removed from the clinical setting.

Appeals

1. The decision to dismiss a student or to place a student on academic probation due to a failing grade will be reviewed under the Academic Probation Dismissal Appeal UG, Policy 2005-2.

2. The decision to dismiss a student or to place a student on disciplinary probation because the student has engaged in unethical, illegal, unprofessional, or unsafe conduct or because the student has not demonstrated the requisite knowledge, skills, or judgment needed to be a competent practitioner will be reviewed under the Seattle University Professional Conduct Policy, Policy 2011-2.

3. 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 the procedures in the Seattle University Academic Integrity Policy 2011 - 3.

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