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Policy Title: Grading Policy

The grading system for the DNP Program in the Cizik School of Nursing is based on a letter grade system using A, B, C, D, & F. The criteria for determining grades and course requirements are described in each course syllabus.

90 – 100	=	A
80 – 89	=	B
70 – 79	=	C
60 – 69	=	D
Below 60	=	F

A few courses are designated as “Pass” or “Fail”.

DNP students must maintain a 3.0 (B) cumulative average. A student will be placed on academic probation if her or his overall GPA falls below 3.0. Students must raise their GPA to 3.0 or above during the next semester of enrollment. A DNP student with full admission status may be placed on probation for a maximum of three (3) terms and remain in the DNP program. Students exceeding these limits must withdraw from the program. The original grade remains on a student's record with a final repeated grade to be used to compute the student's GPA.

The symbol of “I” is reported when the student has not completed all the assignments for the course because of unavoidable circumstances. The “I” is valid for one semester following the course. To receive an “I”, a student must submit a request for an incomplete status to the instructor prior to the last class day of the course. If granted, the course work must be completed before the end of the following semester. Failure to convert an “I” prior to the end of the following semester will result in the “I” grade converting to a grade of “F” in the course.

Any grade below a “B” (e.g. C, D, F or WF) is considered a failing grade. Courses must be repeated if a grade below “B” in any course is received. If a grade below a “B” is received in any course, the student will be placed on academic probation. If a student receives a grade below “B” in a course, the student shall repeat the course one time. The academic probation will be removed after successful completion of the failed course. If a second grade below “B” in the same course is earned, the student will be academically withdrawn from the program. If a student receives two grades below “B” in any two courses in the same or

different semesters, the student will be academically withdrawn from the program. The same principle applies to courses designated at pass/fail. Students must pass all courses.

With the consent of the instructor, the symbol of "W" is given when a student wishes to withdraw from a course after the add/drop deadline and by the "W" deadline date determined by the Registrar's Office for each term. Students withdrawing after that deadline will receive a W grade if passing at the time of withdrawal or WF grade if not passing at the time of withdrawal.