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Policy Title: Grading Policy for the Graduate Program

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**Grading:**

Graduate students (MSN degree seeking, post-master's students, and non-degree post baccalaureate) must maintain a 3.0 (B) cumulative average. The designation of WF is a failure and is incorporated in calculating the grade point average (GPA).

This grading policy is applicable to students enrolled in the three graduate program levels within the School of Nursing: 1) Non-degree post baccalaureate; 2) MSN degree seeking; and 3) Post-master's. Any grades earned while enrolled at a program level will apply to all tracks/concentrations at that program level. Students may request to transfer courses taken from one level to another. See policy G6980 Transfer of Credits for regulations regarding transferring courses.

Students will be placed on academic probation when their overall GPA falls below 3.0. A graduate student with full admission status may be placed on probation for a maximum of three terms and remain in the graduate program. Students who qualify for probation status more than three times will be dismissed from the program.

A graduate student on "conditional admission" status is required to successfully complete the first nine (9) semester hours with a grade of B or better or the student will not be allowed to progress in the program.

Courses must be repeated if a grade below B is earned in any course. Should the student repeat a course, the more recent grade will be used to calculate the student's cumulative GPA, although all grades remain on the transcript. A student who receives two grades below a B in any two courses or in the same course will be academically dismissed and must withdraw from the nursing program.

A student who fails a didactic course with a corresponding clinical course must repeat the didactic course. The student must also repeat the corresponding clinical course by registering to audit regardless of the grade received previously. This policy does not apply to a didactic course that has a corresponding laboratory course.

Likewise, a student who fails a clinical course with a corresponding didactic course must repeat the clinical course. The student must also repeat the corresponding didactic course by registering to audit regardless of the grade received previously. This policy does not apply to a laboratory course that has a corresponding didactic course. To be eligible for graduation, a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

**Grade Scores:** In computing grade point average, the following scores are used: A = 4 points; B = 3 points; C = 2 points; D = 1 point; and WF and/or F = zero points.

**Graduate Grading:** The grading system in the School of Nursing is based on a letter grade system using A, B, C, D, P, F, and WF. The course requirements and mechanisms/rubrics for determining grades are described in each course syllabus.

90 - 100	=	A	WF	=	Withdraw/Failing
80 - 89	=	B	F	=	Fail
70 - 79	=	C	P	=	Pass
60 - 69	=	D	I	=	Incomplete*
59 - below	=	F	W	=	Withdrawal

\*Failure to remove an "I" prior to the end of the following semester will result in the student receiving an "F" in the course. Removal of the "I" through completion of required work must be completed by the established deadline.