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Policy Title: BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program – Grading

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The grading system for the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia (NA) Program 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 for determining grades are described in each course syllabus.

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|------------|---|---|----|---|------------------|
| 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 accomplished before the student may graduate.

All clinical courses are designated as “Pass” or “Fail” as are some academic courses. This will be noted on the course syllabus for the specific courses.

Students in this program 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 BSN to DNP nurse anesthesia student with full admission status may be placed on probation for a maximum of two (2) terms and remain in the program. Students exceeding these limits must withdraw from the program.

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 or per the deadline designated by the instructor. Failure to convert an “I” prior to the instructor’s designated deadline will result in the “I” grade converting to a grade of “F” in the course.

Any grade below a "B" (e.g. C, D, or F) is considered a failing grade. Students must pass all courses.

- Courses must be repeated if a grade below "B" in any course is received. The student may repeat the course one time. The student will be placed on academic probation. The academic probation will be removed after successful completion of the course (grade of B or better).
- 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.
- A grade of "Fail" in any nurse anesthesia clinical course will render a student ineligible to continue in the nurse anesthesia program regardless of the cumulative GPA at the time.

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. Original grades remain on a student's record with a final repeated grade to be used to compute the student's GPA.