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Policy Title: Grading Policy

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

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

Some courses are designated as “Pass” or “Fail”.

DNP students must maintain a 3.0 (B) cumulative grade point average (GPA). A student will be placed on academic probation if their overall GPA falls below 3.0. and must raise their GPA to 3.0 or above during the next semester of enrollment.

Any grade below a “B” (e.g. C, D, F or WF) is considered a failing grade.

- If a student receives a grade below “B” in a course, the student shall be placed on academic probation and shall repeat the course one time.
- 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receives two grades below “B” in any two courses in the same or different semesters, the student will be academically withdrawn from the program.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.
- The original grade remains on a student's record with a final repeated grade to be used to compute the student's GPA.

An “I” (Incomplete) 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.

With the consent of the instructor, the letter “W” is given when a student withdraws from a course after the add/drop deadline and by the “W” deadline date determined by the Registrar’s Office for each semester. 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.

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 grade received previously. This policy does not apply to a didactic course that has a corresponding laboratory course.

This policy does not apply to BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia students.