

Provost and Academic Vice President



TO: David J. Silva, Provost and Academic Vice President, Academic Affairs
 FROM: Amy Smith, Chair, All-University Committee
 RE: Request for Change in Policy, School of Nursing
 DATE: May 17, 2019

Enclosed for your review and approval is the request for change in policy, School of Nursing Progression Policy, School of Nursing

This request has been recommended by the School of Nursing, the Academic Policies Committee, and the All-University Committee. All Contractual obligations have been met. The effective date is June 1, 2019.

I also recommend approval.

Approve

David J. Silva

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 Provost and Academic Vice President

Disapprove:

5/17/2019

 Date

Comments, if any:

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Requires expedited processing, Thank you!
-DJS

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Approved by:

APC _____

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Salem State University Undergraduate Governance
Academic Policy Proposal Form

Title:

School of Nursing Progression Policy

(please give your request a brief descriptive title)

New Policy

Description of policy as it would appear in the catalog:

Please indicate where the new policy should appear in the undergraduate catalog:

Nursing Section of the Catalog

Rationale for new policy:



× **Change to an Existing Policy**

Existing Policy as it currently appears in the catalog:

Students must receive a minimum grade of C+ in all Nursing courses, and students other than ABSN students will be permitted to repeat only one Nursing course once. A second nursing course failure, meaning failure to achieve at least a C+ in a course mandates withdrawal from the Nursing major. For Accelerated Bachelor of Science in nursing students only: ABSN students must receive a minimum grade of C+ in all Nursing courses. An ABSN student who fails to achieve at least a C+ in a nursing course on the first attempt will be dismissed from the nursing program.

Proposed New Policy (as it would appear in the catalog):

Students shall abide by the Salem State University Academic Status and Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy: Salem State University Undergraduate Catalog

In addition to the Salem State University Academic Status and Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, students shall abide by the School of Nursing Academic Progression Policy:

Undergraduate Nursing Students:

1. Achievement of a minimum GPA of 2.0 (C) in each the following science courses or equivalent: BIO105, CHE117, BIO200, BIO201, and BIO304.
2. Students who do not meet the minimum science GPA requirement in each of the required science course may only repeat a required science course one time.
3. Students failing to meet the science progression requirement will be dismissed from the nursing major.
4. Achievement of a minimum GPA of 2.3 (C+) in all courses with a NUR designation.
5. Students are allowed to repeat a NUR course one time only on a space available basis.
6. A NUR course withdrawal constitutes a failure, if the grade at time of withdrawal is $< 77\%$.
7. A course withdrawal from any nursing course in which the student has a grade of $\geq 77\%$ at the time of withdrawal does not constitute a course failure.
8. A second NUR course failure will result in dismissal from the nursing major.
9. Any student considering withdrawal from a NUR course must first meet with the course faculty and then meet with School of Nursing Department Chairperson. Failure to do so may impact the student's ability to progress in the nursing program in good standing.

Undergraduate Accelerated BSN (ABSN) Nursing Students:

1. ABSN students who achieve a grade of $< 77\%$ in any course are dismissed from the nursing program.
2. An ABSN student who withdraws from a course with a grade $\geq 77\%$ is subject to the School of Nursing Readmission Policy.
3. Any student considering withdrawal from a course is required to first meet with the course faculty and then meet with School of Nursing Department Chairperson. Failure to do so may result in the student's ability to progress in good standing in the nursing program.

All undergraduate nursing courses with both a clinical and theoretical component must achieve a grade of C+ in the theory component and a passing grade in the clinical component. A failure in either will result in automatic course failure. The student will receive a grade of not greater than a C for the course. A grade of C in any NUR course constitutes a course failure.

Progression Policy will be policy # 8

Rationale for change to existing policy:

The existing Progression Policy was found to be not in compliance with (CMR 6.04 (1) (d)) and CMR 6.04 (3) (a) (2) at the March 2019 MA Board on Nursing monthly meeting.

Please note however, the Salem State Policy Committee approved a new Progression Policy for the School of Nursing on 10/1/18, and it was this revised policy (not yet in the catalog), which was found to not be in compliance at the March 2019 MA Board of Nursing monthly meeting.

Additional language was added to the existing revised policy to provide clarity.

Proposed effective date: June 1, 2019

Submitter: Joanne Carlson

Department: School of Nursing

Date Submitted: 5/3/19