

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

TITLE OF POLICY: ACCEPTABLE ACADEMIC STATUS

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POLICY: Academic Status

Students must maintain a cumulative quality point average (QPA) of 2.00 or better throughout the program.

PROCEDURE:

Assessment of acceptable academic status for students who transferred into the School of Nursing is based on credits which have been earned at the University of Pittsburgh and designated as counting toward the degree. All courses taken after enrollment in the School of Nursing will be considered as counting toward the degree and will be included in the calculation of the cumulative QPA (except for courses which have been repeated - see Policy N. 48).

The term and cumulative QPAs will be reviewed at the end of each term for full-time students and at the end of each block of 12 credits for part time students. "G" and "I" grades will be counted in determining the number of credits attempted; "W" and "R" grades will not be counted.

Warning

A student whose **term** QPA is 1.5 to 2.0 will receive a letter of warning.

There may be an unlimited number of warnings for term GPA's. However, the cumulative must remain a 2.0 or greater.

Academic Probation

After attempting 12 credits, a student whose **cumulative** QPA falls below 2.0 will be placed on academic probation.

Any student whose **term** QPA (for a full time term or block of 12 credits) falls below 1.5 will be placed on academic probation.

A student may be on probation no more than two terms throughout the academic program.

To remove the student from probation, the cumulative QPA must be at least 2.0 after attempting 12 additional credits.

Dismissal

A student whose cumulative QPA is below 1.0 after attempting 12 credits or below 1.75 after attempting 24 credits will be dismissed.

After being on academic probation twice, a student whose cumulative QPA is not at least 2.0 will be dismissed.

When an unacceptable grade is earned for a second time in a course specified in Policy No. 48 or in an equivalent course, the student will be dismissed.

A student may not repeat more than two courses listed in Policy No. 48. When an unacceptable grade is earned in a third course, the student will be dismissed.

A student who exhibits a pattern of unsafe or incompetent clinical practice in more than one clinical course as identified by the clinical instructor may be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

A student may be placed on probation or may be dismissed for illegal or unethical professional conduct. The student shall be referred to the University Guidelines on Academic integrity for appropriate procedures for adjudication.

Exceptions to the above may be made in the event of extenuating circumstances as defined below:

- a. Illness or injury
- b. Death in family
- c. Critical illness in family
- d. Other situations at the discretion of the Dean or an Associate Dean

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