

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE  
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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**TITLE OF POLICY:** GRADING SYSTEM

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**POLICY:** 1. Grades for courses will be reported according to the following scale. When the grading system for courses outside the School of Nursing is different than the following, the student should consult the student's advisor in the School of Nursing.

**Level of Attainment**

A+ -- 4.00

A -- 4.00 Superior

A- -- 3.75

B+ -- 3.25

B -- 3.00 Meritorious

B- -- 2.75

C+ -- 2.25

C -- 2.00 Adequate (Minimal attainment for all courses with the prefix NUR and specified sciences courses listed in Policy No. 64)

C- -- 1.75

D+ -- 1.25

D -- 1.00 minimal

D- -- 0.75

F -- 0.00 failure

2. The minimum passing grade for individual required nursing courses is C( See Policy 64)

3. The following grades carry no quality points:

G- Unfinished Class Work  
work unfinished because of extenuating personal circumstances.

H -- honors (exceptional) completion of course requirement (See Policy 61).

- I -- Incomplete Research, work in individual guidance courses, clinical work or seminar (see Policy #312)
  - N -- audit, non-credit
  - R -- resignation from University
  - S -- satisfactory completion of course requirement (See Policy 61).
  - U -- unsatisfactory completion of course requirement (See Policy 61)
  - W -- withdrawal from course (without grade affecting the students scholastic average)
4. For courses incorporating a clinical component, satisfactory clinical performance is required to successfully pass the course.
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**PROCEDURE:**

The following grading point scale will be used for all undergraduate courses with the prefix NUR:

- A+ -- 97 to 100
- A -- 94 to 96
- A- -- 90 to 93
- B+ -- 87 to 89
- B -- 84 to 86
- B- -- 80 to 83
- C+ -- 77 to 79
- C -- 74 to 76
- C- -- 70 to 73
- D+ -- 67 to 69
- D -- 64 to 66
- D- -- 60 to 63
- F -- less than 60

Clinical performance will be reflected in the final course grade as follows:

Didactic Grade	Clinical Performance	Course Grade
A+ to F	Satisfactory	Corresponding didactic grade
A+ to D	Unsatisfactory	D
D-	Unsatisfactory	D-
F	Unsatisfactory	F