



Health Sciences
School of Nursing

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

Grading Policy

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Program Level	Graduate

POLICY:

1. Grades for the School of Nursing Graduate Programs are reported on the following scale:

A+	4.00	
A	4.00	Superior attainment
A-	3.75	
B+	3.25	
B	3.00	
B-	2.75	Minimal attainment in a required course: core, cognate or course in the area of specialization; adequate attainment in an elective course.
C+	2.25	
C	2.00	
C-	1.75	Minimal attainment in an elective course; inadequate attainment in a required course (see Policy 283).
D+	1.25	Below minimal attainment
D	1.00	
D-	0.75	
F	0.00	Failure

2. Grades carrying no quality points:

G – Unfinished course work because of extenuating personal circumstances

H - Exceptional completion of course requirements

I - Ongoing study such as incomplete research, work in individual guidance courses, clinical work or seminars.

N - Non-credit audit

R - Resignation, when student resigns from University

S - Satisfactory completion of course requirements

U - Unsatisfactory completion of course requirements

W - Withdrawal from a course

Z - Invalid grade reported

** - No grade reported

3. Letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) will be used for the following types of courses: seminar, lecture, combination lecture and clinical, and Master's Research Practicum [except for the doctoral level research practicum course].
4. Letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) or H/S/U can be used for clinical courses depending on the discretion of the program.
5. The I/H/S/N/U grade is used for Thesis, Dissertation, DNP Project, DNP Clinical and any doctoral level research practicum.
6. A graduate student may audit a course upon the written approval of the specific course instructor and an undergraduate student may audit a graduate course but must complete the Grade Option form (see [Policy 300](#)). The course appears on the transcript with an "N" (non-credit audit) designation, or a "W" (withdrawal) designation.
7. At the instructor's discretion, H/S/U may be used as a grading option for graduate level courses taken by students as elective courses and for which students request an H/S/U grade.
8. Only letter grades carry grade points.

PROCEDURE:

The following grading point scale is used for all graduate courses:

Grade	Percentage
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

Grade	Percentage
C-	70 to 73
D+	67 to 69
D	64 to 66
D-	60 to 63
F	less than 59

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