

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE  
GRADUATE PROGRAM**

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**TITLE OF POLICY:**                      **REGISTRATION STATUS**

**ORIGINAL DATE:**                      **SEPTEMBER 1994**

**LAST REVIEWED/REVISED:**    **MARCH, 2023**

**POLICY:**

A student is active when admitted and registered in the term of admission and when registered in subsequent terms. Registration for graduate students is determined according to:

1. The number of credits for which a student is registered during a term, i.e., full-time, or part-time.
2. Whether or not a student has registered within a specific time frame, i.e., active, or inactive.

Students are considered permanently inactive under the following circumstances:

1. A new or readmitted student did not register in the term of admission or readmission.
2. The student has not registered for at least 1 credit during a 12-month period.
3. The student graduated.

If active enrollment is not maintained, the student is not permitted to use University facilities or receive counseling or active supervision by a faculty member, advisor, or committee. To regain active status after a student has been determined to be on permanent inactive status, the student must request readmission prior to registration.

Students are required to be registered for at least one credit at the University in the 12-month period before graduation and they must be registered for at least one credit in the term in which they take preliminary and comprehensive examinations.

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**PROCEDURE:**

1. A student will register for 9 or more credits to be considered full time status in the Fall and Spring terms.
2. PhD students may register with the permission of the PhD Program Director for the full-time dissertation study course when they have completed all credit requirements for the degree, including minimum dissertation credit requirements, and are working full time on a dissertation. . A student may enroll for this course more than once.
3. Students may register during Fall and Spring terms for less than 9 credits to be considered part-time.

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