

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

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

TITLE OF POLICY: GRADING POLICY

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POLICY:

1. Grades for the School of Nursing Graduate Programs will be reported to 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 in any course.
D --	1.00	
D- --	0.75	
F --	0.00	Failure

2. The following grades carry 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.
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PROCEDURE:

The following grading point scale will be used for all graduate courses.

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 59

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