

## Progression Guidelines for Undergraduates

These guidelines supersede other progression policies and are effective immediately for the remainder of your ETSU nursing career. The progression guidelines were approved by the faculty on May 8, 2012. Students should address questions to their specific advisor in the Office of Student Services.

1. All students admitted to the nursing major must earn a minimum grade of “C” (2.0) in each required theory and/or clinical nursing course. Grades of C- and below indicate a nursing course failure. Students in the BSN accelerated 2nd degree program who fail a course will be moved to the traditional program pending space availability (see number 2).

2. If the student withdraws from a nursing didactic course or is unsuccessful in a nursing didactic course by earning a grade less than a “C” (2.0), the student will be placed on probationary status in the College of Nursing.\* Progression in the nursing program will be suspended pending space availability as determined by the **Associate Dean** of Undergraduate Programs (or designee). Course availability is not guaranteed, and students may be required to submit documentation of circumstance for consideration.

3. If a student earns less than a “C” (2.0) in two required **didactic** courses—whether in the same semester or over a period of semesters— he or she is automatically dismissed **from the College of Nursing. Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for academic failure may appeal to the UAS Committee one time for readmission to the program.** Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis. This policy applies even if one of the failed courses has been repeated previously with the grade of “C” (2.0) or higher.

4. Students who withdraw or earn a grade of less than “C” (2.0) in any one clinical course at any time within the nursing major will be automatically dismissed from the College of Nursing. **Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for academic failure may appeal to the UAS Committee one time for readmission to the program.** Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis.

**5. IF a student’s appeal is granted and the student is permitted to return to the program, the following conditions apply:**

- The student is on probationary status until the **failed** course is successfully completed.\*
- **The student is required to sign an Undergraduate Academic Performance Agreement (UAPA).**
- Space within the class/clinical course is not guaranteed. The Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs (or designee) will direct the placement process based on space availability.
- Subsequent grades below the grade of “C” (2.0) will result in a second academic dismissal from the program **with no option to appeal to the UAS Committee for readmission.**

Students will be removed from probationary status when the course is completed successfully and the terms of the **UAPA** are fulfilled.

6. If a student drops a didactic course that has a co-requisite clinical course, the student must also withdraw from the corresponding clinical course.

7. Students who withdraw from the same nursing course more than once will be academically dismissed from the College of Nursing. **Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for repeated withdrawals may appeal to the UAS Committee one time for readmission to the program.** Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis. If the student is re-instated based upon the outcome of the appeal, the student shall be on probationary status until the course is completed successfully.\* Permission to retake the course is not guaranteed and will be determined by the **Associate Dean** of Undergraduate Programs (or designee) pending space availability.

\* Students not enrolled in a clinical for one or more semesters will be required to take NRSE 4300 Skills Validation.

By signing below, you indicate that you have read and are aware of the progression policies. After you sign, please upload this form into the Clinical Health Requirements D2L site.

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Student Signature      Date