Retention and Progression Policy 3.16

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The SON will ensure that students have successfully mastered the knowledge and skills in a course, which is required for progression to the sequential level of difficulty in the curriculum.

BSN Students must:

1. Have a weighted mean test score of 75%, or better;
2. Have an overall course grade of 75%, or better;
3. Receive a grade of PASS for the clinical portion of each course with a clinical component;
4. Receive no more than two (2) clinical demerits in the clinical portion of courses with a clinical component;
5. Meet all course requirements, as specified in course syllabi and related School policies.

Students who fail to meet any one or more of these criteria will receive a grade of F for the course.

Students who fail and/or drop any two (2) nursing courses will be dismissed from the SFASU School of Nursing and are ineligible for readmission. This includes the same nursing course, different nursing courses, and nursing courses transferred from another institution.

Level 1 students repeating a course must enroll in NURS 3606 and NURS 3006, even if passed on the first attempt.

Students who receive five (5) clinical demerits will be dismissed from the SFASU School of Nursing program.

PROCEDURE

1. On the first failure of a nursing course, the student must petition the Admissions Committee for readmission.

2. The Admissions Committee will meet and make recommendations to the School Director for progression. In making recommendations for progression, the Admissions Committee will consider the student’s overall academic performance including clinical performance. Students recommended for progression will have consistently demonstrated appropriate professional behavior, verbal and non-verbal, in both classroom and clinical settings. Professional behavior is outlined in the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics, by the Texas Board of Nursing, and by the Texas Administration Code as noted in the School of Nursing Student Handbook for Undergraduate Programs.

3. If there are insufficient clinical spaces available to accommodate the number of students recommended for progression, the Admissions Committee will prioritize the list of students and submit the list to the Director of the SON for final disposition.
4. Students who voluntarily withdraw from the program must petition Admissions for readmission. Students will be readmitted on a case-by-case basis.

**Level 1 Retention Program**

The Level 1 Retention Program is offered by the DeWitt School of Nursing to give level 1 students an opportunity to be readmitted after failing and/or dropping two courses.

Program Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must currently be enrolled in level 1 of the nursing program.
- Students must not have dropped and/or failed more than two courses in the nursing program.
- Students must have failed didactically; clinical failures will not be considered.

Requirements:

- Students must repeat NURS 3606 and NURS 3006 in addition to other course(s) failed, even if NURS 3606 or NURS 3006 were passed on the first attempt.
- If the student drops or fails any subsequent courses in the nursing program, they will not be eligible for readmission.

**PROCEDURE**

1. Students that meet eligibility criteria must submit an application to the Admissions Committee for review.

2. The admissions committee will review applications and rank students using a rubric for scoring. In making recommendations for readmission, the Admissions Committee will consider the student’s overall academic performance including clinical performance, reference checks from course and clinical faculty, class attendance, remediation appointment attendance, other student performance indicators, and a submitted success plan. Students recommended for readmission will have consistently demonstrated appropriate professional behavior, verbal and non-verbal, in both classroom and clinical settings. Professional behavior is outlined in the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics, by the Texas Board of Nursing, and by the Texas Administration Code as noted in the School of Nursing Student Handbook for Undergraduate Programs.

3. The Admissions Committee will submit the ranked list of students to the Director of the SON for final disposition.

**RN-BSN Students must:**

1. Have an overall course grade of 75%, or better;
2. Receive a grade of PASS for the clinical portion of each course with a clinical component;
3. Receive no more than two (2) clinical demerits in the clinical portion of courses with a clinical component;
4. Meet all course requirements, as specified in course syllabi and related School policies.

*Students who fail to meet any one or more of these criteria will receive a grade of F for the course.*
Students who receive five (5) clinical demerits will be dismissed from the SFASU School of Nursing program.

PROCEDURE

1. On the first failure of a nursing course, the student must petition the RN-BSN coordinator for readmission.

2. The RN-BSN coordinator will make recommendations to the School Director for progression. In making recommendations for progression, the RN-BSN Coordinator will consider the student’s overall academic performance including clinical performance. Students recommended for progression will have consistently demonstrated appropriate professional behavior, verbal and non-verbal, in both classroom and clinical settings. Professional behavior is outlined in the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics, by the Texas Board of Nursing, and by the Texas Administration Code as noted in the School of Nursing Student Handbook for Undergraduate Programs.

3. If there are insufficient clinical spaces available to accommodate the number of students recommended for progression, the RN-BSN Coordinator will prioritize the list of students and submit the list to the Director of the SON for final disposition.

4. Students who voluntarily withdraw from the program must petition the RN-BSN Coordinator for readmission. Students will be readmitted on a case-by-case basis.

MSN Students must:

1. Have an overall course grade of 80%, or better;

2. Receive a grade of PASS for the clinical portion of courses with a clinical component;

3. Meet all course requirements as specified in course syllabi and related School policies.

4. Core courses must be taken in sequence, as indicated in the SFASU catalog unless approved by MSN Coordinator.

Students who fail to meet any one or more of these criteria will receive a grade of F for the course.

Students who fail any two (2) nursing courses will be dismissed from the SFASU DeWitt School of Nursing Graduate Program.

A maximum of one graduate-level nursing course may be repeated.

PROCEDURE

1. On the first failure of a nursing course, the student must petition the MSN Coordinator for readmission.

2. The MSN Coordinator will make recommendations to the Director for progression. In making recommendations for progression, the MSN Coordinator will consider the student’s overall academic performance including clinical performance. Students recommended for progression will
have consistently demonstrated appropriate professional behavior, verbal and non-verbal, in both classroom and clinical settings. Professional behavior is outlined in the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics, by the Texas Board of Nursing, and by the Texas Administration Code as noted in the School of Nursing Student Handbook for Graduate Programs.

3. If there are insufficient clinical spaces available to accommodate the number of students recommended for progression, the MSN Coordinator will prioritize the list of students and submit the list to the Director of the SON for final disposition.

4. Students who voluntarily withdraw from the program must petition the MSN Coordinator for readmission. Students will be readmitted on a case-by-case basis.