

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) “F” days 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 any two (2) nursing courses will be dismissed from the SFASU School of Nursing program. This includes nursing courses transferred from another institution.

A nursing course may be repeated one time only. A maximum of two (2) different nursing courses may be repeated, including those dropped with a W or WP grade.

Students who receive five (5) clinical “F” days will be dismissed from the SFASU School of Nursing program.

PROCEDURE

1. On the first failure of a nursing course, the student may refer to this policy.
2. The Student Affairs Committee will meet and make recommendations to the School Director for progression. If there are insufficient clinical spaces available to accommodate the number of students recommended for progression, the Student Affairs Committee will prioritize the list of students and submit the list to the Director of the SON for final disposition.
3. Students who voluntarily withdraw from the program must petition Student Affairs for readmission. Students will be readmitted on a case by case basis.

RN-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) “F” days 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.

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3. Students who voluntarily withdraw from the program must petition Student Affairs for readmission. Students will be readmitted on a case by case basis.

MSN Students must have:

1. Have a weighted mean test score of 80%, or better;
2. Have an overall course grade of 80%, or better;
3. Receive a grade of PASS for 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 fail any two (2) nursing courses will be dismissed from the SFASU DeWitt School of Nursing Graduate Program.

One nursing course may be repeated one time only.

PROCEDURE

1. On the first failure of a nursing course, the student must petition the SON Student Affairs Committee.
2. The SON Student Affairs Committee will meet and make recommendations to the MSN Program Coordinator for progression. If there are insufficient clinical spaces available to accommodate the number of students recommended for progression, the MSN Program Coordinator will prioritize the list of students and submit the list to the Director of the SON for final disposition.
3. Students who voluntarily withdraw from the program must petition SON Student Affairs Committee for readmission. Students will be readmitted on a case by case basis.

Progression:

1. A minimum grade of "B" is necessary in all required nursing courses for the Graduate Program degree. Students have the responsibility of monitoring grades in the course websites throughout the semester and in communicating with course instructors regarding grade status. Two course failures will result in dismissal from the program.
2. Core courses must be taken in sequence, as indicated in the SFASU catalog unless approved by MSN Coordinator.
3. Nursing courses within the Graduate Program curriculum may be repeated only once.
4. Degree plans are to be filed on all students who are accepted into the Graduate Program by the end of the first semester.

Reinstatement:

To determine if the graduate student may be reinstated, the following procedures must be followed:

1. The student will submit a special consideration petition to the Student Affairs Committee requesting reinstatement in the Graduate Program. The student is to include information along with any supporting documentation as to why he/she should be reinstated.
2. The Student Affairs Committee will forward the documentation to the faculty teaching the designated course.
3. The faculty teaching the designated course will review the documentation and submit their recommendation to the Student Affairs Committee.
4. If documentation is considered to be sufficient, the Student Affairs Committee will recommend approval or disapproval. The committee will then forward to the SON Graduate Coordinator.
5. The SON Graduate Program Coordinator will sign the appropriate form and forward to the SON Director.