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Faculty of Nursing Regulations

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Admission

See [Programs of Study](#) and [General Undergraduate Admission Requirements](#) for general admission requirements to the University. Specific admission information for the Faculty of Nursing is set out in [Faculty of Nursing Admission Requirements](#).

Academic Standing and Graduation

The following regulations apply for all undergraduate degree programs in the Faculty of Nursing with the exception of [Academic Performance, With Distinction](#) and [Graduation Requirements](#) which are not applicable for students in the BScN-Honors Program. (Note: Foundational Course Minimum Pass requirements apply to students in the BScN Honors Program for After Degree students.) The promotion and graduation regulations for the BScN-Honors can be found in the program description in [Course Sequence](#).

1. Academic Performance:

Initial assessment and subsequent reassessment of academic standing is based on students' performance in a minimum of 9 units of course weight. If, at the time of review, students have attempted fewer than 9 units of course weight since the last assessment, the review is deferred and the academic standing assigned at the last review remains in effect until the next review.

Assessment of academic performance is conducted at the end of each student's registration in both Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer provided that 9 units of course weight have been attempted since the last review.

- First-Class Standing:** First-class standing is awarded in a given year to students who receive a GPA of 3.5 or higher based on a minimum of 24 units of course weight taken during the Fall/Winter.
- Satisfactory Standing:** For promotion, a student must pass all courses and obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Marginal Standing:** Students with a GPA of 1.7 to 1.9 inclusive on a minimum of 9 units of course weight will be placed under academic warning. Students who fall into marginal standing who do not have in their postsecondary education a prior requirement to withdraw, a prior academic warning, a probation period or their equivalents may be permitted to continue on **probation** in the BScN program.
- Probation:** Probation is granted to Faculty of Nursing students who
 - have a marginal standing (GPA between 1.7-1.9),
 - successfully appeal a requirement to withdraw,
 - fail or withdraw from a clinical course on more than one occasion, or
 - are readmitted after studies were discontinued for academic reasons.

When placed on probation, a student must fulfill any conditions specified by the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs. To clear probation, the student must achieve Satisfactory Standing in all terms during the probationary year.

- Unsatisfactory Standing:** A student with a GPA of less than 1.7 must withdraw from the Faculty.

- g. **Fresh Start Program:** Year 1 Collaborative and Bilingual BScN students who have completed less than 40 units of course weight and who have achieved a GPA of between 1.3 and 1.6 may be permitted to continue at the University of Alberta in the Fresh Start program providing they have not previously been required to withdraw from any postsecondary program. Normally, students who have committed an academic offence under the University of Alberta [Student Academic Integrity Policy](#) will not be recommended for the Fresh Start Program.

The Faculty will determine whether to recommend a student for participation in the Fresh Start program and will notify the student of that option. Further detailed information can be found in [Admission to Fresh Start Program](#), [Academic Warning](#), [Academic Probation](#), [Required to Withdraw](#) and [Fresh Start Program](#).

If successful in the Fresh Start program and all conditions specified by Open Studies and the Faculty have been fulfilled, students may apply for readmission to the Faculty.

h. **Readmission**

- i. Readmission to the Nursing program is not guaranteed and is based on the following:
 1. a review by the Faculty of the reasons for withdrawal and of the student's academic record.
 2. the length of time the student interrupts studies must not exceed 2 years in total.
 3. an applicant who has been required to withdraw from the Faculty of Nursing must present a minimum of 24 units of course weight transferable to the University with a GPA of at least 3.0, of which 6 units must be human anatomy and physiology with a minimum grade of C+. The applicant must consult with the Faculty of Nursing to determine which courses must be taken to be considered for readmission. An applicant must also satisfy any other conditions as specified at the time of withdrawal.
- ii. A student who has been required to withdraw and who, after being readmitted, has a GPA below 2.0, will be required to withdraw and not be readmitted to the Faculty
- iii. In order to protect the public interest, a student who has been required to withdraw and is applying for readmission may be required, as part of the admission process, to demonstrate nursing knowledge and skills and meet health and safety requirements. A student may be required to repeat previous coursework prior to proceeding in nursing courses.

2. **Promotion and/or Continuation**

a. **Continuation in program:**

- i. Whenever a student receives a grade of F, D, D+, C-, W, or NC in a nursing non-foundational course, the student's total academic and clinical performance in the program is reviewed at the end of each term and considered in determining continuation in the program. A student may be required to repeat previous coursework prior to proceeding in clinical nursing courses in order to protect the public interest.
- ii. A student who receives a grade of W or F in a course may be granted a second registration in that course or its equivalent and must achieve a minimum passing grade or C+ if it is a Foundational Minimum Pass (FMP) course.
- iii. A student who receives a grade of NC in a course may be granted a second registration in this course or its equivalent and must achieve a grade of CR.
- iv. A student who receives a grade of W, NC or less than a passing grade or C+ for FMP courses in the second attempt of a course or its equivalent will be required to withdraw from the program with no option for readmission (see [Reregistration in Courses](#)).
- v. A student who fails or withdraws from the same clinical course twice will be required to withdraw from the program.

b. **Maintaining Registration:**

Students must follow the required course sequence unless preapproval is given for an alternate program sequence. Students who wish to alter the course sequence of their program as laid out in the calendar, or who have withdrawn from or failed a course, must see the Faculty of Nursing Student Advisor. Students may not continue in their Nursing program if an alternate course sequence is not approved. Reregistration cannot occur without permission from the Faculty.

c. **Leave of Absence:**

- i. Students must register in their Nursing program on a continuous basis to maintain a place in the program. The Faculty does, however, recognize that life events do occur that may prompt a student to require a Leave of