

THE READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

NURSING PROGRAM

POLICY NO. 308

SUBJECT: Academic Probation

Responsibility of: Curriculum Committee
Reviewed/Revised: June, 2010

Purpose

The Academic Probation Policy is designed to inform students of the academic performance expectations; provide a structure for consistent intervention when students are not performing well; and connect students with the staff and resources that can help facilitate their academic success.

Academic Probation

Continued enrollment in the Nursing Program depends upon the student maintaining satisfactory academic progress throughout the curriculum. It is the expectation of the Nursing Program that the student will:

- Maintain a 2.33 cumulative GPA
- Pass all general education and nursing program courses with a minimum of 75%
- Meet all classroom and clinical course requirements
- Meet currently set Proficiency Levels for ATI standardized achievement testing (Students who fail to meet the stated proficiency level will be required to complete remedial work and attain a 90% on the online unsecured version of the examination. Written evidence of the attainment of 90% on the remedial examination must be given to the course coordinator.)

A student who does not achieve the above stated expectations will be placed on academic probation. Students are placed on academic probation as a warning that their academic progress is not satisfactory and they should take steps to improve their academic performance. Academic probation is an indication of serious academic difficulty which may result in dismissal from the program.

If, at the completion of any semester, a student receives a failing course grade or withdraws failing (WF) he/she will be placed on academic probation. The course coordinator (or designee) will notify the Student Progress Committee and the Program Director of the course failure. A notice from the Program Director will inform the student of the course failure and the academic probation status. The Program Director will notify the Curriculum Coordinator and the Director of Financial Services of the course failure.

A student who has failed a course or has withdrawn failing from any nursing course will have one opportunity to repeat the course. A student who fails either the classroom or clinical component of a course will need to repeat the entire course. In order to progress in the curriculum, the student must successfully pass both the classroom and clinical components of the repeated course.

When placed on academic probation, the student:

- is not considered to be in good academic standing
- is required to see his/her faculty advisor (or designee) within 2 weeks after notification to develop a plan to improve performance
- is required to make an appointment with the Director of Financial Services within 2 weeks after notification to discuss how the academic probation status will affect eligibility for financial aid
- must register for and successfully pass the failed course the next time it is offered in the student's tract of study
- is permitted to only register for courses in the following semester(s) which do not have the failed course as a prerequisite
- may not request a Leave of Absence
- may not participate in a leadership capacity in any student organization, nor serve as a representative of the school
- is required to keep the faculty advisor current of all grades in all courses by notifying the advisor of the grade status following every examination
- may be excluded from enrolling in clinical nursing courses if the maximum course enrollment number has been reached

Students who do not meet the requirements of their academic probation may be dismissed from the program.

The student will remain on academic probation until the failed course is corrected.

A student on academic probation will be re-evaluated by the Student Progress Committee at the end of the following semester to determine if the student may continue in the program.

- If the student has successfully completed all of the enrolled courses, and successfully repeated the failed course, the student will be removed from academic probation.
- If the student did not repeat the failed course (because it was not offered) the student will remain on academic probation until the failed course is corrected. The student must enroll in the failed course the next time it is offered in the student's tract of study.

A student will be placed on academic probation one time only during the curriculum. A student will have a maximum of four consecutive calendar years to complete the curriculum, starting from the date of enrollment in NUR 101. A course failure (or WF - withdraw failing) of a course in any subsequent semester throughout the curriculum will result in dismissal from the program. A student who fails two courses in one semester will be dismissed from the program.

A student who is involuntarily dismissed from the program will be ineligible for readmission.