THE READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES NURSING PROGRAM POLICY NO. 361

SUBJECT: Grade Level Advancement (Financial Aid)

Responsibility of: Director of Financial Aid and Budgets
Originated: May, 2005

Purpose

Federal and State guidelines require students to be listed on a Grade Level basis for statistical and financial aid purposes.

The nursing program is a Two Level program in Grade Advancement for both the 24-month Day program and the 36-month Evening/Weekend program.

Grade Level Calculation

The student will progress through the curriculum based on the quality of academic and clinical performance. Students are required to pass all nursing and general education courses with at least 75% or higher in order to progress. The method of measuring the student progression for the nursing program is based on Clock Hours. Each course is assigned a Clock Hour designation in accordance with the number of hours of classroom and or clinical time required. In the case of course credits transferred into our program, the credits are converted into Clock Hours for progression calculation. The credit is applied when the course is offered within the curriculum. The following Clock hours are required for advancement in Level 1, Level 2 and Graduation:

24 month Day Program:

All students are considered Level 1 upon entering the program, unless transfer credit acceptance allow advanced placement in the curriculum. The Level 1 Clock Hours for the first 12-month school year are:

Fall Semester	500 clock hours
Spring Semester	462.5 clock hours
Summer Session	347.5 clock hours

Upon satisfactory completion of the 1,310 Clock Hours within the first school year, the student will progress to Level 2 status. The Level 2 Clock Hours for the second 12-month school year are:

Fall Semester	455 clock hours
Spring Semester	455 clock hours
Summer Session	247 clock hours

Students with out of sequence curriculum will progress from Level 1 to Level 2 status after completion of the clock hour requirements shown above. After completing the required 2,467 clock hours within the curriculum, the student will be eligible for graduation from our program.

36 month Evening/Weekend Program:

All students are considered Level 1 upon entering the program, unless transfer credit acceptance allow advanced placement in the curriculum. The Level 1 Clock Hours for the first 12-month school year are:

Fall Semester	262.5 clock hours
Spring Semester	262.5 clock hours
Summer Session	225 clock hours

Evening/Weekend students will remain Level 1 status until completion of the Fall Semester of the second 12-month school year. After satisfactory completion of the Fall Semester's 350 clock hours the student will advance to Level 2 status. The second school year clock hours are:

Fall Semester	350 clock hours (level 1)
Spring Semester	312.5 clock hours (level 2)
Summer Session	235 clock hours

Student entering the final 12-month school year will remain level 2 status. The Level 2 Clock Hours for the third 12-month school year are:

Fall Semester	230 clock hours
Spring Semester	342.5 clock hours
Summer Session	247 clock hours

Students with out of curriculum sequence will graduate from Level 1 to Level 2 status after completion of the clock hour requirements shown above. After completing the required 2,467 clock hours within the curriculum, the student will be eligible for graduation from our program.