

SCHOOL OF NURSING POLICY

Policy Name: Undergraduate Academic Progression Policy

Approval Authority: Rutgers School of Nursing Faculty

Responsible Executive: Executive Vice Dean

Responsible Office: Academic Administration

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1. **Policy Statement:** This policy describes the academic conditions which are considered unsatisfactory and jeopardize a student's scholastic standing at Rutgers School of Nursing. Unsatisfactory academic performance may result in probation or dismissal.

2. **Who Should Read this Policy:** All School of Nursing undergraduate students

3. **Resources and Related Documents**

Rutgers University Student Academic Regulations and Policies 10.2.5

<http://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/10.2.5%20-%20current.pdf>

Rutgers University Grades and Symbols Policy 10.2.2

<http://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/10.2.2%20-%20current.pdf>

Rutgers University Code of Student Conduct 10.2.11

http://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/10.2.11%20-%20current_0.pdf

Rutgers University Academic Integrity Policy 10.2.13

<http://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/10.2.13%20-%20current.pdf>

Rutgers School of Nursing Standards of Conduct

<http://nursing.rutgers.edu/policies/RU-SN-Student-Standards-of-Conduct.pdf>

4. **Policy**

Midterm Warning

At course midterm, students in jeopardy of unsatisfactory performance in a nursing course will receive a written or electronic notification from the course faculty or course leader/coordinator.

A midterm academic warning is assigned to any student for reasons including, but not limited to, an average *nursing course* grade lower than C+, unsatisfactory, unsafe, unethical clinical performance, and/or, poor attendance. Following a midterm academic warning, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the faculty who issued the warning and develop an action plan. In the event the warning is for unsatisfactory clinical performance, the course leader/coordinator will be notified and review the action plan. EOF students must also contact their EOF advisor

Absence of a midterm warning does not guarantee a student will pass the clinical and/or didactic portion of a course.

Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress in the course to ensure they are performing at a satisfactory level.

Academic Probation

A student will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent semester/term (Fall, Spring, Summer) for having one of the following academic deficiencies:

Generic First year and Sophomore Students

1. One grade lower than a C+ in any nursing course (including Pathophysiology)**
2. One grade lower than a C in any of the following courses: Anatomy & Physiology and Anatomy & Physiology lab, Sociology, Statistics, Chemistry and Chemistry lab, Nutrition, Microbiology and Microbiology lab.
3. Two course grades lower than a C in any prerequisite course or supporting science course during a first year student's initial semester.
4. A term/semester or cumulative GPA less than a C.
5. Two withdrawals or a withdrawal and a grade lower than a C in the same prerequisite course or supporting science course.
6. Two withdrawals or a withdrawal and a grade lower than a C+ in any nursing course
7. Students on academic probation must raise their term/semester or cumulative GPA to a 2.0 (C) within 1 term/semester

(**Pathophysiology (120:245) will become a School of Nursing course effective Spring 2016.)

Generic Junior and Senior Students, all Second Degree (FT and PT), all RN to BS students

1. One grade lower than a C+ in any nursing course.
2. Two withdrawals or a withdrawal and a grade lower than a C+ in any nursing course.
3. Students on academic probation must raise their term/semester or cumulative GPA to a 2.0 (C) within 1 term
4. Courses may only be repeated **ONCE**
5. Students may not be placed on academic probation for more than 2 terms/semesters for the generic program and RN to BS students, and for not more than one term/semester for second degree program students during his or her academic tenure at the School of Nursing.
6. Students placed on academic probation are notified by email and letter and are required to make an appointment to meet with their course faculty to develop a plan of action to improve their academic standing. EOF students must also contact their EOF advisor.

Academic Suspension

Violation of School or University policies, such as the Academic Integrity Policy, the University Code of Student Conduct, or the School of Nursing Standards of Conduct (violations are specified in the policies) may result in suspension.

Dismissal

Undergraduate students will be dismissed from the School of Nursing due to:

Generic First Year and Sophomore students

1. Two course grades lower than a C+ in any nursing course at any time during matriculation into the nursing program.
2. Two course grades lower than a C in any prerequisite course or supporting science course at any time during matriculation into the nursing program, except during a first year student's initial semester.
3. Two terms/semesters with a term and/or cumulative GPA less than a 2.0.
4. A third withdrawal from any nursing course at any time during matriculation into the nursing program.
5. Violation of School or University policies, such as the Academic Integrity Policy, the University Code of Student Conduct, or the School of Nursing Standards of Conduct (violations are specified in the policies) may result in dismissal.

Generic Junior and Senior Students, all Second Degree (FT and PT), all RN to BS students

1. Two course grades lower than a C+ in any nursing course at any time during matriculation into the nursing program.
2. Two course grades lower than a C in any prerequisite course or supporting science course at any time during matriculation into the nursing program.

3. A third withdrawal from any nursing course at any time during matriculation into the nursing program.
4. Two terms with a term/semester and/or cumulative GPA lower than 2.0 for generic program students and lower than 2.5 for second degree program students.
5. Violation of School or University policies, such as the Academic Integrity Policy, the University Code of Student Conduct, or the School of Nursing Standards of Conduct (violations are specified in the policies) may result in dismissal.