POLICY TITLE: DNP GRADING POLICY

Policy

The grading system for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program in the College of Nursing is based on a letter grade system using A, B, C, D and F. The specific criteria for determining grades and achievement of course requirements are described in each course syllabus.

Grading Scale

90-100   = A
80-89   = B
75-79   = C
69-75   = D
Below 69   = F
Pass/fail   = P/F
Incomplete   = I

Students must earn a grade of "B" or higher to pass a course. Any grade below a "B" is considered a failing grade. If a grade below "B" is attained in any course, the student will be required to retake the course the next time that it is offered. The student may not be allowed to progress in the program until the course is retaken and a satisfactory grade of "B" or higher is earned. If the student does not achieve a "B" or higher when the course is retaken, she/he will be ineligible to continue in the program and will be academically withdrawn from the DNP program. If a second grade below "B" in the same course is earned, the student will be academically withdrawn from the program. If a student receives two grades below "B" in any two courses in the same or different semesters, the student will be academically withdrawn from the DNP program. If a student repeats a course, which was failed in the CON, the official grade recorded on the student record is the last grade earned; however, the failing grade remains on the student's transcript.

A course may be designated as "pass" or "fail" while others are designated by a letter grade. A grade of "pass" is equivalent to a letter grade of "B". A grade of incomplete "I" is reported if a student does not complete all the assignments for the course due to unavoidable circumstances. The "I" is valid for one semester following the course. To receive an "I", a student must submit a written request for incomplete status in the course to the lead faculty prior to the last class day of the course. If the request is granted by the lead faculty for the course, the requirements for the course must be completed prior to the end of the following semester. Failure to convert an "I" to a satisfactory letter grade of "B" or higher prior to the end of the following semester will result in the "I" grade converting to a grade of "F" in the course.

With the consent of the lead faculty, students may withdraw from a course until the official withdrawal date, and a "W" is recorded on the transcript. Students in the DNP program may withdraw from a maximum of two courses throughout the DNP program. Courses assigned a "W" must be retaken before the student may progress in the DNP program.

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