

Clark College Nursing Program

Policies and Processes: Nursing Program Progression Policy

What is the Purpose of this Policy?

This policy outlines the criteria for student progression from quarter to quarter in the nursing program. Nursing is a practice discipline where subsequent material is based on previously learned knowledge and practice. Students must have basic knowledge of all concepts presented within the nursing program to promote program and NCLEX success and to help ensure positive client outcomes as a part of entry-level practice. Exams within courses are a primary means for evaluating learning throughout the nursing program. Students must have a comprehensive understanding of the concepts and nursing theory contained in the curricula. Falling below the passing standard of 75% increases the chance of failure on the NCLEX examination and increases potential risks for patient safety. Without possessing mastery of specific material presented in each nursing course, it is not acceptable to allow a student to continue in the nursing program.

Aligned Clark College Policies, Nursing Program Policies, Legal Requirements and WAC:

Nursing Readmission Policy

Clark College Grade Change/Academic Appeal Policy

Policy

To progress from one quarter to the next in the nursing program, the student must meet each of the following criteria:

- Maintain at least a C grade (75%) in each course. Note, there will be no rounding up for course grades below 75%. A grade of C- is equivalent to 1.7 GPA, which is below the minimum standards for the nursing program.
- Achieve 'Satisfactory' grades in clinical and lab courses
- Following the final exam, the mean percentage scores on exams must be greater than or equal to 75%. This includes unit exams and the final exam.

The mean of percentage scores on exams is calculated by adding the percentage score of each unit test and the final exam and dividing by the total number of exams in the course.

If the mean exam score is less than 75%, the overall final grade in the course is less than 75%, or the clinical or lab final grade(s) are not 'Satisfactory', the student will not progress to the next quarter and will exit the nursing program. Please see the policies on withdrawal from a nursing course and readmission to the nursing program.

If a student is concerned that their specific grade assigned by a professor is an arbitrary or capricious application of otherwise valid standards of academic evaluation, an academic appeal may be submitted by filing a written complaint within 90 calendar days after the termination of the course.

See Grade Change/Academic Appeal Policy at:

http://www.clark.edu/about/governance/policies-procedures/grade_appeal.php

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