GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

POLICY TITLE: ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

Grading System:

1. Students will be evaluated according to the following grading system. Numerical grades are based on the whole number with no rounding.

Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Quality Points
A - Excellent	**90-100**	**4**
B - Good	**80-89**	**3**
C - Average	**70-79**	**2**
D - Failure	**60-69**	**1 Used only for calculation of GPA**
F - Failure	**59 & Below**	**0**

P - Designates a passing grade in designated courses only. Grade not used in the calculation of GPA.

I - Designates incomplete for a grade that has been temporarily withheld. Incomplete is used only in cases where, due to extenuating circumstances, a final grade cannot be submitted on the date due. To avoid an incomplete becoming an F grade, the incomplete must be removed within 10 school days. Any exceptions to this policy or extension of time must be approved by the Department Chair or Dean of Academic Affairs.

AU - Designates audit. A student may audit a course(s) upon the approval of the Department Chair.

1. Student must register officially for the course(s).
2. Student will pay a nonrefundable audit fee equal to the cost of the course.
3. Auditors may attend and observe class lecture only.
4. Auditors are not required to take examinations.
5. Auditors do not receive credit for course(s). An AU grade will be entered on transcripts.

W - Designates withdrawal from a course prior to the 8th week of the Fall or Spring semester and the equivalent period of time in Summer sessions. The course must be repeated in its entirety in order to receive credit.

WP - Designates withdrawal from a course with a passing grade of 70% or above after the 7th week of the Fall or Spring semester and the equivalent period of time in Summer sessions.

WF - Designates withdrawal from a course with a failing grade below 70% after the 7th week of the Fall or Spring semester and the equivalent period of time in Summer sessions. A WF will be considered a failure in the course.

LOA - A student may request a leave of absence (LOA) for any reason. The LOA request must be submitted in writing to the Registrar. Students on LOA are withdrawn from all courses. See Change of Status Policy.

2. Students must achieve a grade of C or better in both nursing and general education courses. If a student receives a D, F or WF in any course, that course must be repeated and completed with a grade of C or better. A grade of C must be achieved in prerequisite courses before the student may progress to the next course.

Grade Point Average:

1. Each semester's grade point average is computed by dividing the number of Quality Points earned in a given semester by the number of credit hours taken that semester.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{Quality Points Earned}}{\text{Credit Hours Taken}}$$

2. Cumulative grade point average is the total number of Quality Points earned in all work, divided by the total number of credit hours taken. In computing the GPA, grades of A, B, C, D, WF and F are included. Grades of W, WP, I, AU, and Challenge grades are not included.
3. In the case where a course has been repeated, the last grade earned shall replace the first in computing GPA. Credit hours taken will be counted only once toward meeting the requirements for graduation. The repetition of a course does not remove the previous grade from the student's official transcript.

Promotion:

1. In order to maintain enrollment in the College the student must have a 2.0 grade point average. When a student's grade point average falls below 2.0, the student is placed on probation. The student must retake the course in which the failing grade was received in order to raise the grade point average within one year of failing the course. When the student achieves the grade requirement, the probation will be removed.
2. Promotion depends on satisfactory completion of all courses included in the lower level and all other level requirements.
3. Eligibility to graduate and receive college degree is dependent on satisfactory completion of all courses included in the curriculum plan.

Honors:

1. Upon graduation, academic honors will be bestowed upon students based on the cumulative GPA.
2. Undergraduate students in associate degree programs who have achieved a College cumulative average of 3.25 – 4.000 will receive "Honors"
3. Undergraduate students in the bachelor degree program who have achieved a College cumulative average in one of the three categories below will receive "Latin Honors":
    - summa cum laude: 3.90 - 4.0000 GPA
    - magna cum laude: 3.75-3.8999 GPA
    - cum laude: 3.60-3.7499 GPA

    Students who anticipate receiving Honors are entitled to wear gold honor cords along with their other regalia.

Probation:

1. Failure to pass any course with a C or above or when the student's cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 will result in probation.
2. Academic Recovery course is required the next registration to continue in the college either co-requisite or pre-requisite to the failed course.
3. Probation status will continue until the student passes the academic recovery course and repeats the failed course with a C grade or above.
4. A letter informing the student of the probation status is sent with the grade report.
5. The college's curriculum plan will not be altered to accommodate students who must retake courses.
6. As long as a student remains on probation, enrollment restrictions may be imposed.

Dismissal for students first enrolled in courses prior to January 1, 2012:

1. Failure of any course twice or any two nursing courses.
2. Failure to take Academic Recovery course.
3. Failure to pass Academic Recovery course.
4. The Dean of Academic Affairs may suspend, dismiss, or impose a mandatory leave of absence for reasons pertaining to dishonest or immoral behavior; illness – physical or mental; unsafe conduct affecting either the student, patient or others; or failure to abide by hospital and college policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
5. Failure of any course after taking or while enrolled in the Academic Recovery Course will result in an academic dismissal from the college

Dismissal for students first enrolled in courses after December 31, 2011:

1. Failure of any two courses required for the degree.
2. Failure to take Academic Recovery course.
3. Failure to pass Academic Recovery course.
4. The Dean of Academic Affairs may suspend, dismiss, or impose a mandatory leave of absence for reasons pertaining to dishonest or immoral behavior; illness – physical or mental; unsafe conduct affecting either the student, patient or others; or failure to abide by hospital and college policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
5. Failure of any course after taking or while enrolled in the Academic Recovery Course will result in an academic dismissal from the college

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