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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the requirements for progression through the nursing curriculum and the nursing program.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to all students seeking admission to the nursing program, all students seeking re-admission to the nursing program, and all enrolled nursing students.

3 PROCEDURES

3.1 Responsibility

The Director of the Department of Nursing (DON) and all DON faculty are responsible for the implementation of this policy for all courses in the nursing program.

3.2 Progression Requirements

All nursing students must meet certain requirements to progress from one nursing course to the next in the nursing curriculum sequence. Additionally, special requirements apply to nursing courses with a clinical component. Any student who has been administratively removed from the nursing program for violation of academic integrity or code of conduct is ineligible to progress to the next NUR course or for readmission to the nursing program.

3.2.1 General Progression Requirements

General nursing program progression requirements are as follows:

1. All students must complete a comprehensive final examination in each nursing course with a grade of C or above to progress to the next nursing course. The grade of C is based on the following grading scale:

A = 94 – 100

B = 85 – 93

C = 76 – 84

D = 65 – 75

F = 64 and below

2. On a case-by-case basis, students may be allowed to take non-clinical nursing courses if a grade of C was not earned in a previous semester course. The non-clinical course cannot be a continuation of the previous semester course in which the student was unsuccessful, e.g., NUR 317, Pharmacology in Nursing I, must be successfully completed to take NUR 318, Pharmacology in Nursing II. Other non-clinical courses include NUR 323, Pathophysiology in Nursing, and NUR 341, Research in Nursing.
3. All students are expected to score a Level 2 Proficiency on the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Content Mastery examination at the end of the course for which it is available*. Two opportunities are given to meet this expectation. A Level 2 Proficiency is required to earn the 10 points (10%) of the final course grade assigned to the ATI Content Mastery examination score. Below Level 2 Proficiency will earn 0 points of the 10 points (10%) of the final course grade.
4. *All students are expected to score a Level 2 Proficiency on the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Content Mastery examination at the end of NUR 326, Nursing Care of Adults I. Two opportunities are given to meet this expectation. A Level 2 Proficiency is required in NUR 326 to earn the 10 points (10%) of the final course grade assigned to the ATI Content Mastery examination score. Below Level II Proficiency will earn 0 points of the 10 points (10%) of the final course grade.
5. All common core and program core requirements must be completed prior to the senior spring semester to be eligible to enroll in spring semester senior level courses.
6. To earn a passing grade in nursing courses without a clinical component, students must make at least a C on the comprehensive final examination and have an overall course grade of C or higher. Failure to satisfy all these criteria will result in a grade of D or lower being assigned for the course.
7. A grade of D in any nursing course is considered a failing grade.

3.2.2 Courses with a Clinical Component

To progress to the next nursing course with a clinical component,

1. A score of at least 90% correct on the Medication Administration Calculation examination must be attained. This examination is administered in the first week of each semester after completion of NUR 317, Pharmacology in Nursing I. Students are given two opportunities to achieve 90% on the Medication Administration Calculation examination. Students who do not score at least 90% on the Medication Administration Calculation examination are administratively withdrawn from all clinical nursing courses. An administrative withdrawal is not considered a failing grade.
2. A score of at least 80% on the Skills Performance Check-Off must be attained to successfully complete the clinical portion of NUR 311. Students will be given 3 attempts to score 80% on the Skills Performance Check-Off in NUR 311. Students who do not score 80% on the Skills Performance Check-Off in NUR 311 will be administratively withdrawn from NUR 311. An administrative withdrawal is not considered a failing grade.

3. A score of at least 80% of the selected skills on the Skills Performance Check-Off must be attained prior to entering the clinical portion of NUR 322, NUR 326, NUR 334, NUR 410, NUR 414, NUR 418, NUR 422, NUR 430, and NUR 424. Students who do not score at least 80% on the Skills Performance Check-Off are administratively withdrawn from all clinical nursing courses. An administrative withdrawal is not considered a failing grade.
4. A grade of C or higher must be attained in all courses with a clinical component.
5. To earn a passing grade in nursing courses with a clinical component, students must make at least a C on the comprehensive final examination, have an overall objective grade of C or higher, and an overall course grade of C or higher. Failure to satisfy all these criteria will result in a grade of D or lower being assigned for the course.
6. A passing evaluation must be attained on the nursing course clinical evaluation tool.
7. If any of the above criteria immediately preceding is not achieved, a grade of D or lower will be assigned for the course.

3.2.2.1 Certifications

To participate in clinical experiences, all nursing students must maintain current American Heart Association CPR certification.

3.2.2.2 Immunizations, Tests, and Titers

To participate in clinical experiences, all nursing students must have (a) current negative TB skin tests, (b) all required immunizations, and (c) all required blood titers. Students who fail to maintain currency in any of the required immunizations, tests, and blood titers will be declared ineligible for clinical practice and progression in the nursing program.

3.2.2.3 Drug Screens

All nursing students must participate in the annual drug screening conducted during the fall semester or prior to entering a clinical facility for the first time as a Bethel nursing student. Positive results on the drug screen will render the student ineligible for continuance in the nursing program.

4 REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Program Evaluation Plan (NAD-107).

END OF POLICY