
Procedure Number: 606a
Procedure Name: Graduate Student Dismissal
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As noted in policy 606, graduate students must earn a minimum of a “B” or better in graduate courses.

1. The recommendation to dismiss a student can be made by the graduate chair and/or the track/program director. The final decision to dismiss a student can only be made by the dean. Dismissal may result in any of the following situations following admission to the graduate nursing program:
 - a. Receipt of a “C”, “D” “F” or “U” in any two graduate courses.
 - b. Upon recommendation of the track/program director in the event a student receives a grade of “C”, “D”, “F”, or “U” in a graduate course, or withdraws from a graduate course without prior approval from track/program director, and space is not available to repeat the course in the ensuing academic term (see Repeating Courses).
 - c. Failure to achieve a minimum of a “B” when repeating a graduate course.
 - d. Withdrawing from any graduate course without prior approval from their track/program director.
 - e. Two graduate course withdrawals following admission.
 - f. Withdrawing from one graduate course and/or receiving a “C”, “D”, “F”, or “U” in the same course or another graduate course.
 - g. Withdrawal from all graduate courses during a semester without an approved leave of absence.
 - h. Failure to meet progression standards of 3.00 overall GPA.
 - i. In the case of provisionally admitted students, receipt of a “C”, “D” “F” or “U” during the first 12 graduate credits.
 - j. Failure to return from a Leave of Absence at the approved date or to follow the LOA policy (615).
 - k. Failure to follow the progression plan and not have an approved Leave of Absence in place.
 - l. Revocation or suspension of a required license or unexcused ineligibility to participate in practicum.
 - m. Failure to disclose to the graduate chair or track/program director any adverse action taken by a granting or disciplinary body on a required license.
 - n. Failure to disclose to the graduate chair or track/program director a complaint to, or an investigation undertaken by, a granting or disciplinary body that, if found to be meritorious, would be more likely than not to result in a suspension or revocation of a required license. Provided, such disclosures shall be made in confidence and alone shall not in any event constitute separate grounds for dismissal.
 - o. Engaging in behavior that is unprofessional or manifestly unsafe to the mental, emotional, or physical welfare of clients, staff, or others.
 - p. Failure to be compliant with the Verification Policy.
 - q. Refusal or failure of a drug screen.
 - r. Failure to participate in orientation and PhD intensives. A waiver may be issued for medical reasons if approved by the track/program director in advance for any verifiable medical reasons.
 - s. Relocation to a different state after admission without prior approval from the graduate nursing chair (excludes PhD in Nursing program).
2. A recommendation to dismiss a student for a course related issue may be made by the graduate chair only after a reasonable attempt to resolve the issue has been made.
3. A decision by the dean to dismiss a student from the Nursing Program is final.

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