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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clearly define the academic and clinical requirements necessary for students to progress through the nursing program. Additionally, it provides the criteria for graduation, including eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensure examination, thereby ensuring academic excellence and clinical competence.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students enrolled in the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing (JFMSON). It outlines the academic, clinical, and administrative standards necessary for progression through the program, as well as the criteria for graduation.

DEFINITIONS

Progression refers to the advancement of a student from one academic term to the next, contingent upon meeting defined academic, clinical, and professional standards. This includes meeting minimum grade requirements, clinical performance expectations, and other academic obligations.

Graduation refers to the formal completion of the nursing program, including the fulfillment of all academic, financial, and administrative requirements, which makes a student eligible to receive a diploma in Registered Nursing and an Associate in Applied Science degree from Alvernia University.

POLICY

1. Progression Requirements: Students must achieve a minimum semester grade to progress to the next semester.

- Nursing course grades must meet or exceed 78% final grade in all nursing courses to qualify for progression.
- Clinical performance must meet program standards.
- Failure of either of the didactic or clinical components of the course will result in failure of the entirety of the course, and all components must be retaken.
- More than two missed clinical days will fail both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

2. Grading Scale: The following grading scale applies to all coursework:

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	94%-100%
A-	90%-93.9%
B+	87%-89.9%
B	83%-86.9%
B-	80%-82.9%
C+	77%-79.9%
C	73%-76.9%
C-	70%-72.9%
D+	67%-69.9%
D	63%-66.9%
D-	60%-63.9%
F	0%-59.9%

Per policy, 78% or higher is a passing grade in nursing courses; 77.9% or lower is a failing grade. Grades are not rounded, and extra credit is not provided.

3. Graduation Requirements: Students must complete all academic program requirements.

- 78% is required in all nursing courses for graduation.
- The final three terms of study must be completed at the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing and must meet the credit requirements set by Alvernia University policy.
- Students must meet all graduation requirements set by Alvernia University.
- A requirement of 75% completion of the Virtual ATI program must be completed and verified.
- Students must fulfill all financial obligations to the institution before graduation.
- Graduates must complete an exit survey developed and reviewed by the Director of Nursing.
- Upon successful completion of these requirements, students will receive a diploma (RN) from the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing and an associate in applied science degree from Alvernia University.

REVIEW and APPROVAL

Administrative Committee