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**TITLE:**           **ACADEMIC PROGRESSION FOR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE STUDENTS**

**POLICY:**       A high level of academic performance is expected of students enrolled in the DNP program. Students in the College of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree program are expected to comply with all University of Florida College of Nursing requirements.

**RATIONALE:**   Progression in College of Nursing DNP Degree courses is dependent upon students' ability to meet established academic standards and comply with student health and CPR requirements.

**PROCEDURE:**

A. Progression Requirements:

1. Any student who receives an unsatisfactory (U) grade or any grade scale/grade points less than B or 3.0 in any required course must repeat the course and earn a satisfactory (S) grade or a grade scale/grade points of B or 3.0 or above
2. Students earning an unsatisfactory (U) grade or any grade scale/grade points less than B or 3.0 in any required course may repeat that course only once, on a space available basis.
3. Students may repeat only one required nursing course during the DNP program.
4. Student may withdraw only once from any required nursing course.
5. All pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to registration for subsequent courses.
6. Students must adhere to the standards of conduct outlined in the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics and the Florida Nurse Practice Act.

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7. All students must have on file evidence of compliance with Policy S-1.01 Student Health Policy and current CPR certification.

**B. Academic Probation**

1. Each semester the Office for Student Services will review the DNP degree for students with a GPA below 3.0 and/or students receiving a U grade in a course.
2. Students achieving less than a 3.0 or a U grade will be placed on Academic Probation. The Office for Student Services (OSS) will notify the student and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs – Graduate Clinical Education, in writing of the deficit. A plan of action to remove the deficit is developed by the student and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs – Graduate Clinical Education or designee. This plan may include a revised curriculum plan which may result in an extension of time to degree.
  - a. If a student is placed on probation: The student must meet with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs-Graduate Clinical Education or designee to devise a written action plan for remediation
  - b. The plan will be completed on the Improvement Plan for Course progression (Policy S1.19), reviewed with the student and sent to the Office of Student Services to place in the student file and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for Graduate Clinical Education.
3. Written progression requirements will be monitored by the student's academic advisor in conjunction with the Assistant Dean for Student Services (ADSS).
4. DNP students have two (2) consecutive semesters to raise the GPA above 3.0, if the students fail to remediate during those two semesters, the College of Nursing will recommend dismissal from the program. Students who receive two unsatisfactory grades (Unsatisfactory, C+ or below) will be recommended for dismissal from the program
5. The Assistant Dean for Student Services (ADSS) will notify the student of dismissal from the program if the student is unable to meet the progression requirements.