

Purpose

To identify program specific academic standards designed to academically prepare high quality health care practitioners.

Policy Detail

Academic Warning

PA College utilizes an early alert system (Starfish) that allows faculty to proactively raise awareness when a student is in jeopardy of being unsuccessful in a course. When this happens, students, as well as support staff, receive an electronic notification outlining success resources available to the student.

Academic Probation

- A. Failure to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better in any graduate program will result in academic probation. Students on academic probation may continue with their course progression. Probationary status for two consecutive semesters will result in dismissal from the program.

Prerequisite Requirements

Prior to beginning a course, prerequisites must be completed with the required grade. Additionally, students must meet program-specific minimum course requirements to progress within the program, as specified below.

Failure to Meet Minimum Course Requirements

Students who have taken a course at PA College and earned a grade less than that which is required must repeat the course at PA College and achieve the required grade in order to earn course credit toward graduation. **No course with a grade less than that which is required may be repeated more than once.** The newly earned grade will become the grade of record for the purposes of transcripts, GPA computations and determination of academic progression. CLEP or course challenges are not acceptable replacements for repeating courses completed without a required passing grade.

Program Specific Academic Standards

Any student not earning the required grade in a program-specific course will be dismissed from the program. To resume enrollment in the program, students must reapply and be accepted. Refer below for program-specific academic standards requirements.

A. Master's Level Graduate Programs

- i. A grade of "B-" or higher is required for all courses, with the exception of courses that are graded as Pass/ Fail.
- ii. If an MHA, MSHS, MSN-A or MSN-E student earns a grade less than B- in a course, the student may progress in the program as long as the attempted course is not a prerequisite for another course. The course in which the student was unsuccessful must be taken during its next available offering. Failure to complete the course successfully on the second attempt will result in dismissal from the program.
- iii. In the MHA, MSHS, MSN-A & MSN-E programs, to be eligible to enroll in IPC 550, Master's level students must receive a grade of "Pass" in IPC 500.

- iv. In the MHA, MSHS, MSN-A and MSN-E programs, to be eligible for 600 level courses, students must earn a grade of “Pass” in IPC 550.
- v. Students are eligible for IPC 650 Integrating Experience II upon completion of all other program requirements.

B. Nurse Practitioner

- i. If an NP student earns a grade less than a grade of B in a course, the student may progress in the program as long as the attempted course is not a prerequisite for another course. The course in which the student was unsuccessful must be taken during its next available offering. Failure to complete the course successfully on the second attempt will result in dismissal from the program.
- ii. Nurse Practitioner students who fail clinical courses due to safety, behavior or ethical issues may be dismissed from the Nurse Practitioner Program.

C. Doctor of Nursing Practice

- i. If a DNP student earns a grade less than a grade of B in a course, the student may progress in the program as long as the attempted course is not a prerequisite for another course. The course in which the student was unsuccessful must be taken during its next available offering. Failure to complete the course successfully on the second attempt will result in dismissal from the program.

References: N/A

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