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This policy pertains to students in the DNP, Nurse Anesthesia program.

Nurse Anesthesia track students will follow the DNP course failure policy for all DNP courses (courses designated with a ‘D’). DNP course failure is defined as a course grade less than a B (< 83%).

For all other courses in the Nurse Anesthesia program (non-‘D’ designated courses), course failure is defined as a course grade less than a B- (< 80%). A student who fails a nurse anesthesia course (non-D designated course) will not automatically be eligible to repeat the course and restart/continue the program. In the case of a course failure, a decision to repeat the course and continue in the program will be made in collaboration with the Nurse Anesthesia Program Director, Assistant Dean for Graduate Clinical Programs, and the Associate Dean for Education. Consideration will be given to clinical availability, course sequencing, and the student’s likelihood of successful performance in succeeding academic work.
National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) Exam Preparation Requirements – January 2023

All graduates receiving a BSN or MN degree are eligible to take the NCLEX examination for RN licensure. To assure the highest probability of success in passing this exam, the faculty have integrated study preparation activities throughout the curriculum. Prior to forwarding graduates’ names to the licensing boards, the School of Nursing requires each student demonstrate proficiency and a high probability for passing the NCLEX-RN examination. Proficiency determination includes, but is not limited to, achieving the predictor score benchmark on the ATI Comprehensive Predictor examination, course grades, and satisfactory ratings in all clinical practicum courses. Participation in the ATI review course enhances the students’ probability to pass the NCLEX-RN exam.

ATI Policy Update - December 2022

This policy pertains to BSN, MN, InEmory MN, and MN Pathway to MSN or DNP students.

ATI Content Master Series
Specialty area proctored examinations will be administered in courses throughout the curriculum. Students are required to earn a Level 2 or higher on each specialty area examination. Students earning below a Level 2 are required to meet with the course coordinator and complete a mandatory review of content areas based on exam performance prior to retaking the examination. The mandatory review time will be 2-hours for students earning a rating of Level 1; and 3-hours of review time for students earning below Level 1. If on the retake, a student scores below a Level 2, the student will be enrolled in a one (1) credit hour case study course in the following semester.

Comprehensive Predictor
Prelicensure students will take the ATI Comprehensive Predictor (CP) at mid-semester of their final semester. After this ATI CP exam, students will be provided individualized feedback and be required to complete a focused ATI review based on individual performance in specified areas.

All students are required to take the 3-day onsite ATI Review course scheduled the week prior to graduation; and to re-take the ATI CP whether or not they earned a 95% on the mid-semester attempt.

In addition to testing and course assignment requirements, students are required to complete ATI CP testing (2 exams) and attend the 3-day ATI Review to pass the course and complete the Nursing program. Attendance at all 3-days of the ATI Review is required to satisfy this requirement. A student who does not complete these requirements, attendance at the 3-day ATI Review and ATI CP testing, will delay their graduation to subsequent semesters. Students will receive an earned course grade of an incomplete (I) until requirements are met. All requirements must be completed by the End of Term date which can be located on the website, academic calendar.

2022-2023 Student Handbook Addendum
Medical Leave of Absence Policy Clarification - January 2023

This policy pertains to all NHWSN students.

Degree seeking students in the School of Nursing are eligible to take an official medical leave of absence. The student should discuss/notify the appropriate program administrative personnel, which may include the director, and/or the Assistant Dean for Pre-Licensure Education or the Assistant Dean for Graduate Clinical Education.

To be eligible for a medical leave, the student must provide the Office of Education: 1) a letter stating the nature of the leave with the anticipated return date, and 2) a letter from a health professional documenting the condition that is cause for the leave. If the Medical LOA is approved, the student will be withdrawn from all courses. A grade of “W” will be noted on the transcript. If a student submits a medical leave of absence during the drop/add/swap period at the beginning of the semester, all courses will be dropped, and there will be no notation of the class(es) on the transcript.

A medical clearance letter from a healthcare provider is required when submitting the Re-Enrollment After Absence form. A readmission request will not be reviewed without a medical release letter. The period during an approved medical leave will not count against the 5-year time limit to complete degree requirements.

Re-Enrollment After Absence Policy

**Purpose of the Re-enrollment policy:** The re-enrollment policy is in place to ensure students have the necessary knowledge and skills to continue in their program of study; and to determine the space availability for reentry to the program.

**Who should apply for re-enrollment:** Any student who has requested a complete withdrawal from all courses in a semester or has an approved leave of absence from the School of Nursing for any reason for one (1) or more semester.

**Process for Re-Enrollment:** The Re-enrollment form must be completed by the student and submitted to the program director/specialty director no later than 60 days prior to the beginning of a semester in which the student wishes to return to the School of Nursing. The Emory University Academic Calendar identifies the semester start date.

The re-enrollment form is located on the Student page of the School of Nursing Website. The name of the program director/specialty director can be found in the Nursing Catalog, School of Nursing Directory. Note: For students enrolled in the traditional BSN program summers are not considered an absence. A letter from a healthcare provider must accompany the re-enrollment form for a student on a medical LOA before the request to be reviewed.

Please be aware there is no guarantee that a student will be readmitted. Consideration of the application may be based on several factors. For example, evaluation by the program director/specialty director and/or their designee based on the likelihood of the student’s successful performance in
succeeding academic work; competition of other students’ applying for reenrollment; and class and clinical placement availability.

The program director/ specialty director and/or their designee may require an assessment of a student’s knowledge, skills, and competencies prior to the decision for reenrollment. Assessment will be relevant to the student’s completed coursework and for advanced practice students, specialty area and level of practice on exit from the program. Evaluation may include a written exam, written cases, and demonstration of clinical skills/competencies. A student must demonstrate both clinical safety and proficiency to be considered for reenrollment.

A student approved for reenrollment may be placed on a Goal Setting Plan to support their academic success in the School of Nursing (Refer to Goal Setting Plan). A revised Plan of Study will be completed prior to re-enrollment by the program director/ specialty director which may require a delayed graduation date. Re-enrollment may be used only once during a students’ program of study.
MSN/DNP Specialty Track Course Progression and Course Failure Policy – January 2023

*DNP Nurse Anesthesia students will follow Nurse Anesthesia policies.

MSN or DNP students enrolled in an APRN specialty track require a solid foundation in each course to progress. The following course policy defines the course progression criteria and course failure policy.

Specialty Track Course Progression Policy
Testing by examination occurring in specialty courses (didactic/clinical) will require the student earn a minimum weighted average of an 83% when the grades from all course assignments are averaged at the end of the course. Failure to achieve a final course grade of 83% will constitute a course failure.

Specialty Track Course Failure Policy
A grade of B (83%) or above is required to pass a course in both the MSN and DNP program. Students who fail a course may be required to follow a revised program plan of study which may delay graduation.

For clinical courses, a clinical rating of satisfactory (S) is required. A clinical rating of unsatisfactory will result in an assigned grade of “F” for the clinical course regardless of achievement on tests, papers, or other written assignments. Students failing a clinical course will not be allowed to enroll in a subsequent didactic and clinical specialty course until they have successfully repeated the failed course with an earned grade of 83% and a clinical rating of satisfactory.

Two (2) course failures within a program of study will result in dismissal from the School of Nursing. This includes a second failure in a repeated course or failure in two (2) different courses.

Students should refer to the Probation Policy for semester/cumulative GPA progression requirements.
RN Licensure Requirements for MN Pathway to MSN or DNP – January 2023

MN Pathway to MSN/DNP students matriculating to the MSN or DNP program must have a valid Georgia Nursing license or compact state license. A student who has not passed the NCLEX-RN examination by October 1st of their first semester of their MSN or DNP program of study may not enroll in subsequent semesters until they have passed the NCLEX-RN examination.
Academic Dismissal – January 2023

Dismissal may occur if a student:

- Makes below the required grade in a repeated course, or
- Makes below the required grade in a second course, or
- Demonstrates unsafe or repeated Unsatisfactory clinical practice, or
- Fails to meet specific requirements for progression in a program, or
- Fails to meet the goals set in the Goal Setting Plan for Student Improvement, or
- Is on probation for semester/cumulative GPA below required level for a second time.

The student should refer to the NHWSN Code of Academic Conduct and Academic Grievance and Appeals process.

Students dismissed from the NHWSN may reapply after a period of 2 years. There is no guarantee that an applicant will be readmitted. Students who are dismissed a second time are not readmitted. The Dean of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing makes the final dismissal decision.
Graduation Requirements: BSN, MN, InEmory MN, and MN Pathway to MSN or DNP – January 2023

BSN (TRADITIONAL)
- Completion of 60 semester hours of prescribed bachelor’s-level nursing courses, of which 45 semester hours must be taken at Emory University,
- Attendance at the 3-day ATI Review,
- Completion of the ATI Comprehensive Predictor (ATI CP) examination and ATI CP retake (2 examinations) and,
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75,
- Completion of course requirements within five (5) years* of entrance to the program.

*Entrance into the program is defined as enrollment into the first course of the program.

MN, InEmory MN
- Completion of 60 semester hours of prescribed master-level nursing courses, of which 45 semester hours must be taken at Emory University,
- Attendance at the 3-day ATI Review,
- Completion of the ATI Comprehensive Predictor (ATI CP) examination and ATI CP retake (2 examinations) and,
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75,
- A minimum of 60 credit hours is required for graduation,
- Completion of course requirements within five (5) years* of entrance to the program.

*Entrance into the program is defined as enrollment into the first course of the program.

MN Pathway to MSN or DNP
PRE-LICENSURE:
- Completion of 60 semester hours of prescribed master-level nursing courses, of which 45 semester hours must be taken at Emory University,
- Attendance at the 3-day ATI Review,
- Completion of the ATI Comprehensive Predictor (ATI CP) examination and ATI CP retake (2 examinations) and,
- Cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0* to matriculate to the MSN or DNP program, or
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 to graduate with an MN Degree.