

## Fall '09- Revised Student Progression and Disqualification Policy

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
School of Nursing  
**STUDENT PROGRESSION AND DISQUALIFICATION POLICIES**

### I. SEMESTER PROGRESSION FOR NURSING MAJORS (Applicable for all semesters)

#### A. Grade Requirements For Ongoing Regular Progression Status

1. A grade of "C" (73%) or better in all non-practicum nursing courses and a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 or better for all units in the major (exceptions for repeated theory courses of those starting Spring 2007 and after - see section I-G below).
2. A grade of Credit (CR) in all nursing practicum courses.

#### B. Other Requirements for Ongoing Progression

1. Enrollment in all required nursing courses designated for that semester.
2. Clinical documentation updates including C.P.R. certification (the approved American Red Cross or American Heart Assn's course, entitled CPR for the *Professional Rescuer*) before classes in Semester 4 and yearly certification thereafter. \*\*\* Student must have documentation of a Health Provider's health statement clearance and clearance of functional competencies, etc. (See the Nursing web site [www.sjsu.edu/nursing](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing) under *forms*).
3. Completion of a preparation for childbirth class (minimum 12 hours) prior to the Semester 6, OB practicum.
4. Passing the required drug screening and background checks.

#### C. Any student who does not complete the requirements in I. A and/or I. B, enters "Special Progression" status.

#### D. Special Progression Issues:

1. The student remains in Special Progression until he/she is enrolled in all courses designated for each semester level with the permission of the Curriculum Coordinator and Undergraduate Coordinator.
  2. Special progression students may not pre-register for nursing courses. They must attend the Add/Drop (or Program Adjustment) session in the School of Nursing and will only be allowed to register on a *space available basis at that time*.
  3. Students may petition the Executive Committee for any decisions regarding progression (Petitions available on the web site under *forms* or in HB 420).
- E. Each student is responsible for knowing his or her own progression status and adhering to the School of Nursing and University progression policies.

#### F. The following is the order of priority in situations, where enrollment of **special progression students** must be limited:

- (1) Successful part-time student (not withdrawal for failure);
- (2) Planned leave "returnees";
- (3) Students who did not complete a course;
- (4) Those students unable to repeat because there was no space available the prior semester;
- (5) Students who already successfully completed the first repeat of a course;
- (6) Students repeating a course for the first time; and
- (7) Transfer students from another School of Nursing after clearing acceptance with SJSU's Nursing Director.

#### G. Repeating a Course(s)

Any course in which the student earns less than a satisfactory grade must be repeated before progressing to the next semester level. In nursing courses, a satisfactory grade is: (a) C (73%) or above, or (b) Credit. The policy for students beginning the first semester of nursing courses prior to Spring 2007, means that if they must repeat a graded course, they must achieve a C or above on the second attempt at the same course to stay in the program (*see section II below, for Disqualification Policies that may take precedence*). If a student earns less than a satisfactory

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grade, the student may repeat a nursing course only once (with the exception of clinical → see below). Any student who entered the nursing program in Spring 2007 or later and who is repeating a graded nursing course, must achieve a grade of B- (80%) or better, in order to progress to the next semester level. Students not meeting this standard will be disqualified from the nursing program. Courses are repeated on a space available basis.

Clinical courses are credit/no credit; a grade of "credit" must be achieved in order to progress. Beginning Fall 2009, all new and continuing nursing students who receive a "no credit" in a clinical may repeat this same clinical only one time. However, throughout the remainder of the SJSU nursing program, all remaining clinical grades must be a credit grade on the first attempt. *A student repeating a clinical course will repeat that clinical with a different clinical instructor and at a different clinical site (exceptions to this policy will be considered).*

### II. DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE NURSING MAJOR

*The following are conditions that apply to disqualification:*

#### A. Disqualification Policies:

1. Students will be disqualified from the major if they receive less than a B- grade (80%) on the first repeat of a graded nursing course, if they started the major courses after Spring 2007; If they began the nursing program prior to Spring 2007, they must achieve a C (73%) or better on the first repeat of the course.
2. Students will be disqualified from the major if they receive unsatisfactory grades in two nursing courses in the same semester for the nursing major (e.g. grades of less than a C in *letter-graded* nursing courses in one semester of the nursing major, and /or a "no credit" in a clinical course/s). NURS 101B is the exception to this policy.
3. Beginning Fall 2009, all new and continuing nursing students who receive a "no credit" in a clinical may repeat this same clinical only one time. Beginning Fall'09, throughout the remainder of the SJSU nursing program, all clinical grades must be a credit grade on the first attempt. If a subsequent clinical grade is a no credit on the first attempt, the student will be disqualified from the nursing major. [Note: A student receiving two clinical "no credit" grades within the same semester, falls under item 2 of this section, concerning disqualification for more than one unsatisfactory grade within the same semester level].
4. Students who started the nursing major Spring 2007 or later, and **receive less than a C grade (73%) in any two nursing theory courses (N 23, N 43, N 24, N 124, N 125, N 126, N127A, N 127B, N 128) over the length of the nursing program will be disqualified.** (e.g. *A student obtained a C- in a beginning level theory course and successfully repeated that course. If the student achieved a C- grade in a semester 6 theory course (or any other semester's theory course) on the first attempt, then he/she would be disqualified*.) This section II.2 and II.3 do not apply to those who began the nursing program prior to Spring 2007.

B. Disqualified students shall be notified by the Office of Records that the major will be changed to "undeclared" until another major for which the student is qualified is selected.

C. Students may be reinstated to the major if it is determined that the disqualification was due to extenuating circumstances. *Decisions regarding those extenuating circumstances, will be made by the School of Nursing's Executive Committee.*

D. The University policy on disqualification from the major will also include those documented instances of unsafe, unethical behavior, cheating, and any action that jeopardizes a patient or client's safety as a basis for a failing grade or disqualification as a nursing major.

**PLEASE** make an appointment with Dr. Sue Malloy, the Undergraduate Coordinator in the School of Nursing at (408) 924-3142 for those who have concerns or questions.