

Policy on Academic Disqualification and Dismissal

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The goal of the MS Clinical Program is to ensure that all graduates have minimal competencies to become practicing psychotherapist who are eligible for internships and licensure. **In order to demonstrate at least minimal competencies in the required skills MS Clinical Program graduate students must earn a grade of “B” or higher (or CR where no grades are assigned) in all of their courses.** In the event that a student does not achieve the criterion of “B” work in a required course, that student must consult immediately with the faculty, to determine whether a plan can be developed that may provide opportunity for remediation. NOTE: There is no guarantee a plan can be formulated, and if one cannot, it will result in disqualification and dismissal from the graduate program. **Any student who receives a grade of “C+” or lower in a required course will be classified automatically as probationary in the MS Clinical Program; a second grade of “C+” or lower will be considered sufficient basis for disqualification and dismissal from the MS Clinical Program.** Students must take all courses that are required by the MS Clinical Program at San Jose State University.

Internship, fieldwork, or practicum experiences as evaluated by faculty members and internship supervisors must also reflect the MS Clinical Program student’s ability to meet program competencies. **Professional and interpersonal skills are essential determinants of success in these settings. Any MS Clinical Program student who receives a grade of No Credit (“NC”) in a required fieldwork or internship course will be dismissed from the MS Clinical Program following a review of the circumstances surrounding the No Credit grade by Program Director of the MS Clinical Program and/or members of the MS Clinical Program Committee.** Psychology fieldwork cannot be repeated for a changed grade.

The program strongly encourages and attempts to develop the professional and interpersonal maturity of all students. **The MS Clinical Program faculty evaluates student professional and interpersonal maturity throughout the program with both formal and informal reviews.** Only students who have demonstrated a high level of professional and personal integrity consistent with the role of a psychotherapist will be permitted to continue in the program and to graduate. **Students who fail to demonstrate professional and personal responsibility (as evidenced by violations of professional conduct, interpersonal trust, or ethical practice) are subject to termination as a graduate student of the MS Clinical Program at SJSU.**

In addition, please note that failing either the first or second year comprehensive exam will result in dismissal from the program. These policies are discussed in detail in the context of the purpose and procedures of these exams below.