



Title	Nursing Graduate Program Progression Policy
Date	<i>June 21, 2024</i>
Applies to	<i>All Graduate Programs in the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing</i>

Policies in the School of Nursing are intended to outline standard processes and procedures for the program. All graduate programs within the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing adhere to the University and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS) ([Senate Academic Policies and Procedures and SGPS Regulations](#)). In addition to these policies, procedures and regulations, students in the graduate programs in the School of Nursing also adhere to specific Nursing program policies. In all situations, students have the right to appeal course or program decisions according to the [Graduate Student Academic Appeals](#) policy.

This policy will address:

- Passing grades for program progression
- Rewriting course assignments
- Number of allowed course failures
- Pre-requisite requirements for courses

1. **Passing Grades for Progression**

In order to remain and progress in graduate programs, students will need to achieve a passing grade of at least 70% overall in each course. Course grades of 0.45% and above are rounded up to the next whole number prior to determining progressions.

2. **Rewriting course assignments**

General Policy for Nursing Theory Courses

- Eligibility for rewrites: Students in nursing theory courses (those without a clinical, practice or experiential component) may rewrite a maximum of two (2) papers/assignments across the entire program, at the discretion of the course professor.
- Maximum grade on rewrites: The highest grade achievable on any rewritten paper or assignment is 70%.
- Rewrite denial: If a rewrite cannot help achieve an overall course grade of 70%, the rewrite may be denied, resulting in course failure.
- If a rewrite is used, the course professor will notify the grad program office

Exclusions PHCNP Programs

- MN-PHCNP and PHCNP Diploma programs: Students in these programs are not allowed any automatic rewrites in any provincially delivered courses including Pathophysiology, Roles & Responsibilities, Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis, Therapeutics and Integrative Practicum courses.

Policy for Elective Courses

- Different schools/departments: When taking elective courses from outside Schools or Departments, students must adhere to the policies of those respective units. Each School or Department may have different policies.
- Progression requirement: Regardless of where the course is offered, a grade of 70% or higher is required for progression in the School of Nursing.

In any instance, students may appeal an evaluation or grade via the [Graduate Student Academic Appeals](#) policy.

3. Numbers of Course Failures

After one course failure, students are required to meet with the appropriate lead faculty member (i.e., Program Faculty Lead, Academic Supervisor or Associate Director, Graduate Programs) to discuss the student's learning plan to facilitate future success in nursing graduate studies. Required nursing courses must be repeated should a failure occur; it is not a requirement that specific electives be repeated, however students must still successfully complete the total number of credits for their program.

Two course failures across all graduate courses taken during a student's program of study, whether required or elective, will result in automatic withdrawal from the program.

4. Pre-requisite Courses

Students must select courses in accordance with the published requirements. Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded, that all course prerequisites have been successfully completed, co-requisite courses are in progress, and that they are aware of any anti-requisite course(s) that they have taken. If the student does not have the requisites for a course, and does not have written special permission from their program to enrol in the course, the University reserves the right to cancel the student's registration in the course. This decision may not be appealed. The normal financial and academic penalties will apply to a student who is dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Faculty and University/College Policies and Documents
Faculty of Health Sciences Policies and Procedures
University Policies
Senate Policies and Procedures and SGPS Regulations
School of Nursing Graduate Policies