

ACADEMIC CRITERIA

Applicable to ALL Associate Degree in Nursing Students

1. A 2.5 GPA is the minimum acceptable GPA for admission to the program. The GPA is calculated based on required curriculum general education course grades. A 2.0 GPA (80%) on all nursing curriculum courses will be required for program progression and graduation.
2. A minimum nursing course grade of **80%** is required to progress to subsequent nursing courses within the program. After acceptance into the nursing program, students **MUST** complete all didactic/clinical nursing coursework within six (6) consecutive semesters. Please refer to the following as they pertain to the progression in the program.
 - A student may **ONLY** repeat a total of two (2) nursing courses within the program
 - If a student fails the same course twice, he/she will not be allowed to continue in the program. He/she will be allowed to apply for readmission into the program after one (1) academic year.
 - If a student fails two (2) nursing courses in the same semester, he/she will not be allowed to continue in the program. He/she will be allowed to apply for readmission into the program after one (1) academic year.
 - If a student sits out a semester or withdraws during the semester, the semester will count as one (1) of the required six (6) semesters.
 - Students may only be readmitted into the program one (1) time.

A letter grade of C, D, or F constitutes one (1) attempt in a nursing curriculum course.

3. If there are extenuating circumstances, the student may withdraw from the current semester prior to completing 75 % of the course(s) and may be allowed to repeat the course(s) one time **ONLY** during the subsequent semester (It is the student's responsibility to withdraw him/herself). Examples of extenuating circumstances include (but are not limited to: personal illness/surgery, immediate family illness/surgery/death, and personal change in financial responsibilities. Each case will be evaluated by the ADN Department Chair to determine if the student will be eligible to return the subsequent semester without penalty. Written documentation of the extenuating circumstances from the student must be submitted to the Department Chair in order for the case to be given consideration. Students who are not enrolled in the program for two consecutive semesters will be required to prove competency of all previously completed curriculum courses. **NOTE:** Students who withdraw due to extenuating circumstances are not guaranteed a seat the next semester. This will depend on the number of students progressing within the program.
4. The ADN student will be required to take standardized tests throughout the ADN program. The student is responsible for the cost of these exams and must pass each of these exams to progress in the curriculum. Failure to pass these exams or any other program requirements after a predetermined number of attempts will result in failure of the courses and dismissal from the Program.
5. Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) materials are required for all semesters of study and can only be purchased from the College's Book Inn. The costs of all ATI materials and

examinations are the student's responsibility. Completion of the ATI Comprehensive Predictor exam, which is taken at the end of the final semester, is a requirement for graduation from the program.

6. Criminal Background Investigations (CBI) and drug tests are required upon acceptance into the ADN Program. The affiliated clinical healthcare site reserves the right to review the student's CBI and drug screen to determine if a student may participate in a clinical rotation within their respective institution. If the affiliated clinical healthcare site refuses to allow the student into a clinical rotation within their facility, the student will not be able to complete program and must withdraw from the ADN Program. Prior criminal or arrest charges may preclude the student from eligibility for taking the NCLEX – RN exam. Successful completion of this program does not ensure nursing licensure or employment.
7. A nursing student must complete all nursing curriculum courses within six (6) consecutive program semesters (*excluding any summer terms*) from the initial Program admission acceptance date. (*Reference Readmission Policy and Procedure*).
9. ADN students must remain proficient in ALL completed competencies throughout the program regardless of when these competencies were successfully completed. It is highly recommended that a student periodically practice the competencies he/she has previously successfully completed and he/she will be held accountable for proficient performance of all nursing skills and theoretical knowledge when progressing from one course to the next within the curriculum.