



Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Dismissal Policy

If the PhD Program Coordinator determines that a student is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree, he/she may request the Graduate Dean place the student on probation or separate the student from the Graduate College. The MSN, DNP, or PhD Coordinator will provide the student with the specific requirements, including deadlines, which must be completed to be removed from probation. If the Graduate Dean approves the request, the student will be placed on probation. Failure to meet the conditions of the probation will result in separation (dismissal) from the Graduate College.

1. **Definition of Unsuccessful:** Unsuccessful is defined as: (a) Dropping a class in which the student has an average less than a "B" at the date of withdrawal from the course. (b) Failing the clinical component of a clinical course. (c) Completing the course with a grade below a "B." (d) Obtaining an "F" grade resulting from failure to withdraw from the class. (e) Having an average below a "B" at the time of complete withdrawal from UNLV.
2. **Failure to make satisfactory progress** may include, but is not limited to, the following. Failure to maintain these standards may result in termination of the student's progression in the graduate program. For violation of items *a* through *f* below, the student will be placed on probation for one calendar year from the time that the documented probation status starts. For violation of item *g*, students will remain on academic probation until completion of the program of study. (a) Failure to complete six credits per calendar year toward the degree program. (b) Failure to consult with the advisor when requested. (c) Failure to establish a "culminating experience" committee. (d) Failure to develop an official, approved degree program. (e) Failure to establish the groundwork for an acceptable dissertation, DNP project, or capstone, or other culminating experience. (f) Failure to maintain the standards of academic and professional integrity expected in a particular discipline or program (e.g. HIPAA violations, falsification of medical records, falsification of clinical logs, etc.). (g) Unsatisfactory grades (including Incompletes, grades below a "B," or Withdrawals).
3. **Unsuccessful in One Nursing Course:** (a) If a student receives less than a "B" in one nursing course, and it is the first occurrence, the student will be allowed to repeat the nursing course but will be placed on academic probation. Students will remain on academic probation until completion of the program of study.
4. **Unsuccessful in Two Nursing Courses:** (a) If a student receives less than a "B" in two nursing courses with the NURS prefix (which may occur in the same semester or in different semesters), the student will be separated from the SON.

After review of the submitted request, the Graduate Dean can recommend that the student be placed on probation. The School of Nursing will provide the student with specific requirements, including deadlines, which must be completed, to be removed from probation. Failure to meet the conditions of the probation will result in separation from the Graduate College.

A graduate student who has been dismissed for academic reasons is not eligible for admission or re-entry. The student must petition the Graduate College for academic reinstatement.