

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**For Students admitted Fall 2022 and before**

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**ACADEMIC STANDARDS POLICY**

**PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines/academic standards for the students enrolled in the Purdue University School of Nursing Program.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Scholastic Indexes - The University, as described in the Academic Procedures Manual, determines the course grades and their interpretations, the weighted values (4.00 grading scale) and the indexes. Courses having non-weighted grades of pass and satisfactory are given as credit only.

**POLICY:**

- I. The scholastic standing of the undergraduate students in the program leading to a baccalaureate degree in nursing shall be determined as identified in this document.
  - A. The graduation index (cumulative index) is the average of all weighted grades received in all courses taken.
  - B. The semester index is the average of all weighted grades received in each semester or summer session.
  - C. The science core index is the average of all weighted grades received in:
    1. BIOL 20300, 20400, 22100
    2. CHM 11100, 11200
  - D. The nursing level indexes are the average of all weighted grades received in all NUR courses in each level. Level I includes those required at the freshman and sophomore level; Level II, those required at the junior level; and Level III, those required at the senior level.
  - E. **Excluded from the indexes are grades in courses taken at another institution.** A course taken at a Purdue University regional campus will be entered with a grade. The science core index for students who transfer to Purdue from another university will incorporate the applicable science courses taken at the university from which the student transferred.
  - F. Failing, not passing, or unsatisfactory grades may be given for the following conditions:
    1. Failure to meet course objectives.
    2. Academic dishonesty (refer to Regulations Governing Student Conduct, Disciplinary Proceedings, and Appeals).
    3. Unsafe clinical behavior.
- II. Academic Requirements for a baccalaureate degree in nursing include earning a grade of C or better (not C-) in all required and selective courses. According to the Indiana State Board of Nursing Regulations (2011) this includes, but is not limited to: anatomy, physiology, chemistry, microbiology, nutrition, English, communications, psychology, sociology, and statistics to be a candidate for the registered nurse licensing exam.
- III. The faculty requires that all candidates for the degree will have met the following requirements:
  - A. Achieve a minimum graduation index of 2.00 as required by the university.

- B. Achieve an average of 2.70 or better in the science core index to progress to the junior courses (Level II). Beginning students are required to complete at least eight (8) credit hours of the science core courses at the West Lafayette campus. Students beginning the curriculum with AP, transfer, and/or dual credit for some of their science courses may have this requirement reviewed by the Undergraduate Program Director on a case by case basis.
- C. Achieve an average of 2.75 or better in all nursing level indexes to progress to the next nursing level and achieve an average of 2.75 or better in Nursing level III to graduate.
- D. Nursing courses must be taken in the sequence indicated in the curriculum plan. A student must complete the entire level of nursing courses before progressing to the next level.
- E. Should a student fail to meet the 2.70 science core index or 2.75 Nursing level index requirement, the following will occur:
  - 1. The student will be mandated to repeat a course or courses in the science core or nursing level within one semester (fall or spring) to achieve the required GPA.(unless extenuating circumstances, i.e., illness or injury)
  - 2. Students who fail to earn the required science core index or Nursing Level Index after repeating a course or courses within one semester (fall or spring) shall be dismissed from the School of Nursing.
  - 3. The student will lose placement in clinical rotation and preference for placement will be given to students meeting the GPA requirement.
  - 4. When the GPA average is achieved, the student will progress as space is available. Reentering the clinical rotation may require two semesters to achieve.
- F. Failure to complete the nursing course sequence jeopardizes student progression. The student will progress only as space is available.

#### IV. Scholastic Deficiencies

- A. Academic probation: The student who earns below a C in a required or selective course (a C-, D, F, NP, WF or IF) is placed on School of Nursing probation.
- B. Academic dismissal: A student shall be dismissed from the school of nursing under any one the following conditions.
  - 1. Receipt of the third C-, D, F, NP, WF or IF grade in required or selective non-nursing courses.  
OR
  - 2. Receipt of the second C-, D, F, NP, WF or IF grade in a repeated nursing course.  
OR
  - 3. Receipt of a C-, D, F, NP, WF or IF grade in a second required nursing course.

- V. Readmission to the school of nursing occurs only rarely and will be considered on an individual basis. *Applicants for readmissions compete with the entire pool of candidates for admission to the School. This pool is extremely competitive.*