

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING
Policy C-1: Procedure**

TITLE: ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE IN UNDERGRADUATE NURSING COURSES

PROCEDURE:

1. The final clinical evaluation in the course is to be conducted by the faculty member and presented to the student after theoretical content has been presented and learning experiences related to clinical application have been completed. However, students will be apprised of the status of their clinical performance (S or U) during a mid-term evaluation and given opportunity during the time between the mid-term evaluation and the final evaluation to demonstrate achievement of all clinical objectives.
2. Students must receive a passing grade in both the theoretical and clinical or college laboratory portions of a course to pass the course. It is the pedagogical philosophy of the faculty that students must complete pre-requisite course work in order to progress through the curriculum. Students who fail a pre-requisite course may follow Policy A-8 in seeking any variance in program progression.
 - a. A Satisfactory (S) grade in the clinical or college laboratory component of the course and a "D" or "F" in the theoretical portion of a course constitutes a "D" or "F" in the entire course.
 - b. An Unsatisfactory (U) grade earned in the clinical or college laboratory component of a course constitutes a failure (F) in the entire course.
3. At the time a student files an appeal for reinstatement into the curriculum, she/he is expected to provide evidence of academic readiness to proceed in the curriculum. Information about filing an appeal can be found in Policy A-8. In addition, if specific conditions associated with seeking reinstatement to the nursing curriculum were elaborated at the time of the failure, the student will provide evidence delineating the nature and outcome of actions taken to meet the specified conditions at the time of the appeal. Placement in a clinical nursing course for the purpose of repeating a failed course is subject to the availability of space as well as meeting the conditions specified above. Available space goes first to students taking a course for the first time.

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Attachment 1

CLINICAL LABORATORY

Designation of a CLINICAL LABORATORY course means that the majority of laboratory experiences require direct patient/client care or interaction. A clinical laboratory requires 3 hours of clinical experience per credit. All College of Nursing policies which speak to clinical experience apply to this course, courses in two different semesters are not successfully completed.

COLLEGE LABORATORY

Designation of a COLLEGE LABORATORY course means that the majority of laboratory experiences are simulated (not involving a contractual/therapeutic nurse-patient/client relationship). A college laboratory requires 2 hours of laboratory experience per credit. College laboratory courses are not subject to the CON policy, which prohibits readmission into the nursing major after unsuccessful completion of two (2) clinical nursing courses in two different semesters.

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Policy C-1, Attachment #2
COURSE CLASSIFICATIONS/LABORATORY DESIGNATIONS**

FOR UNDERGRADUATE NURSING COURSES

Lecture Only

NRSG 115 Nursing as a Profession
NRSG 258 Principles of Pathophysiology
NRSG 377 Introduction to Community-Based Nursing

Lecture/Recitation Discussion

NRSG 220 Foundations of Ethical Nursing
NRSG 444 Care Management
NRSG 387R Research in Healthcare

Lecture/Seminar

NRSG 418 Health Care Policy & Health Care Economics

Lecture/College Laboratory

NRSG 238 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan
NRSG 336 Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics
NRSG 341 Psychosocial Nursing Concepts

Lecture/Clinical Laboratory

NRSG 225 Foundations for Planning and Providing Clinical Nursing Care
NRSG 346 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family
NRSG 348 Nursing Care of the Child and Family
NRSG 352 Acute & Chronic Illness
NRSG 437 Psychiatric Nursing
NRSG 454 Urgent & Palliative Care
NRSG 477 Population-Based Nursing Care in the Community
NRSG 487 Nursing Leadership & Management Development