

St. Joseph School of Nursing
Nashua, New Hampshire

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Nursing Programs

St. Joseph School of Nursing employs instructional, advising, and interventional strategies that support student academic achievement of career goals.

1. A student is considered to be in good standing by maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.5 for non-nursing courses and 2.7 for nursing and science courses and is earning the required credits toward the completion of their degree
2. The Satisfactory Academic Progress policy applies to all students regardless of Title IV financial aid.
3. Students are expected to complete the program within 150% of the published length of the program.

Guidelines:

Students must meet all stated course and clinical objectives in order to remain enrolled in the program, remain eligible for Title IV financial aid, and to be eligible for graduation.

1. Students must be in compliance with all other regulations and policies of the school as listed in the student handbook including, but not limited to:
 - Educational standards
 - Confidentiality
 - Financial obligations
2. Student will receive mid-term warnings when the course grade or clinical expectations at the mid-term or mid-point (as is the case with A & P I and A & P II) are not met.
3. An action plan for at risk students will be developed in order to support student progress.
4. Faculty may issue a letter of communication or a verbal warning if student performance and expectations are not met at any time during the semester.
5. Students will be placed on academic probation and will remain on academic probation for a full semester. Students placed on academic probation at mid-term will remain on probation until the mid-term of the following semester. If they are not passing by mid-term of that following semester they will be dismissed from the program. If they are passing by mid-term of that following semester, they will be removed from academic probation. Students who are readmitted to the program are on academic probation upon return for the entire semester.
6. A matriculated student who drops any nursing course during the add/drop period of a semester will be withdrawn from the program. The student will receive a refund of tuition for dropped course(s), less the \$100 tuition/fee deposit, if applicable.
7. A student who remains enrolled in non-nursing course(s) is reclassified as a "non-matriculated" student and is no longer eligible for federal financial aid. The financial aid office will cancel all anticipated federal aid. The student is responsible for the full cost of tuition for the remaining course(s) and all semester fees.
8. A student is withdrawn or dismissed from the nursing program if the student is no longer enrolled in any courses, ceases to be enrolled in any nursing course(s) or fails to return from a leave of absence within 180 days. The Refund policy is used to calculate the amount owed by or to be refunded to the student. The financial aid office will calculate the percentage of student aid earned and unearned for the semester, based on the student's last date of attendance. If a refund is due to Title IV programs it may create an account balance that the student is responsible for paying. Any student who withdraws from the nursing program and wishes to return is required to reapply, even if they have been reclassified as a non-matriculated student. Readmission to the program is not guaranteed, and applicants seeking readmission will be evaluated along with new applicants. If a student is accepted back into the program they would be required to attend Orientation.
9. Once a student is matriculated and nursing courses have begun, all courses must be taken as scheduled in the program. If there is a break in enrollment (except for an approved LOA), the student must reapply. Non-nursing courses may be taken early with Dean or Associate Dean approval.