College of Nursing Standards of Progress Policy: Baccalaureate and Master’s Students

Students at the undergraduate and master’s level are required to follow their written program plan / enrollment schedule provided by their program director indicating continuous enrollment as two out of three semesters per academic year from admission through graduation.

Students with documented circumstances or verified hardship necessitating the student to NOT enroll for 2 semesters out of 3 each academic year, should develop a written program plan with the appropriate program director or advisor.

Students who do not follow their prescribed program plan may be dismissed from the College of Nursing.

Rationale

1. Current University policy allows students to register for only 1 of the 3 semesters each academic year, i.e. university definition of “continuous enrollment”.

2. The College of Nursing is a limited access college. Qualified applicants in each program are unable to be admitted due to limited resources. Students who take more than the specific number of semesters to complete their program of study utilize resources that may be used to admit additional students.

3. The College has developed program plans based on prerequisites and continuous enrollment. College curricula and specific courses build on competencies, knowledge, and skills achieved in previous semesters.

4. Competencies, especially clinical / psychomotor skills are considered highly perishable. Continuous reinforcement is important for optimal success in the programs.

5. The recommended policy recognizes extenuating circumstances and hardship cases as reasonable rationale for deviating from a prescribed program plan.

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