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POLICY STATEMENT

All students attending the Diploma in Practical Nursing (DPN) program are expected to maintain an acceptable standard of academic achievement.

PURPOSE OF POLICY

To monitor the academic performance of DPN students and to implement interventions to support student success. Further, to ensure students are aware of the DPN promotion requirements.

PROCEDURES

1. Students must complete all courses within Year 1 before progressing to nursing courses in the following year.
2. To complete the requirements for the DPN program, a minimum final grade of C is required in all theory courses taken, and a “Pass” is required in all clinical and skill courses. Therefore, if a student receives a grade of D in any theory course, the course is recorded as a D on the student’s transcript and given a weighted value of 1. However, the course cannot be applied to the DPN program, because the grade received in the course is lower than the required C.
3. A grade of C is required in any course to be used as a pre-requisite to another course in the DPN Program.
4. All course work must be successfully completed prior to commencing UC.NUR.2006 Nursing Foundations VIII: Transition to Graduate Nursing.
5. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better is required to graduate.
6. Students can fail a nursing course once. A second failure in that course will result in withdrawal from the DPN program. The same will apply to clinical courses; however, a subsequent failure in any clinical course in the program will result in withdrawal from the program.
7. Students are allowed only one voluntary withdrawal (VW) per nursing course. Students who VW from a nursing course a subsequent time will have their withdrawal reversed and will be expected to complete the course.
8. A student will normally be allowed one repetition of a non-nursing course. Under exceptional circumstances, the Dean may grant approval for the student to register in the course for the third time. If the third attempt results in a failure, the student will be withdrawn from the DPN program.

9. Students required to withdraw from the DPN program are ineligible for readmission to the program for at least 6 years.
10. Students must complete the DPN program within five years of admission to the program, as NUR courses are valid for 5 years.