

RE-ENTRY INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Policy:

Students may be re-admitted to the Nursing Program following withdrawal or dismissal within one academic year of exit. If re-entry is sought after one academic year of exit, students must submit a new application and follow application procedures outlined for new entry students.

Procedure:

1. Students who wish to re-enter the Nursing Program must notify the Nursing Director in writing within 8 weeks of the exit from the program for consideration. The letter must include:
 - a. Identification of the causes for lack of progress.
 - b. A plan that establishes strategies for future academic success.
2. Students will be re-admitted only when there is space available in the semester they are re-entering.
3. Student will only be re-admitted one time and only in the next academic year.
4. Students disqualified due to a legal, ethical or safety issue(s) will NOT be considered for re-entry.
5. The Nursing faculty will meet in closed session after a scheduled faculty meeting to consider the student's petition based on the following criteria:
 - a. Submitted letter from non-progressing student.
 - b. GPA on Nursing technical courses completed.
 - c. Overall GPA on all college hours attempted.
 - d. Prior clinical performance.
 - e. Nursing faculty recommendation.
6. The petitioner will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision within ten business days of the meeting. The notification will contain requirements that must be completed by specified due dates. Requirements could include but are not limited to:
 - a. Retesting and passing of all previously passed skills via check offs or simulation.
 - b. Retesting of didactic knowledge previously passed via written exams.
 - c. Re-taking of previously passed courses.
 - d. Work experience hours in a clinical setting.
7. Upon receiving the recommendations from the faculty, the petitioner will contact the Nursing Director within 10 days of receipt of notification letter and will make an appointment to discuss the re-entry requirements. The student and Nursing Director or designee will develop a learning agreement reflective of the committee requirements and the student's petition contents as a means of follow up on the student's progress in those areas.

8. If the student is unsuccessful in carrying out the requirements of the learning contract, he/she will be notified of his/her lack of progress and will be dropped from the program. The student will not be allowed to apply for re-entry consideration.
9. Students will be accepted for re-entry in the order of letter approval. Letters are presented to faculty in the order received.
10. For students who are unsuccessful in NURS 117, seat availability will be after 40 seats have been offered to new students from the rank list for that entry cycle. If a seat is declined by a new entry student then that seat will become available for a re-entry student.
11. For students who fail NURS 240, seats for re-entry will be determined by seat availability after a minimum of 4 new, advanced entry students are accepted.
12. If a student fails in the second year of the program and is eligible for re-entry, the student may elect to take the LPN course (NURS 136) in the term directly after dismissal. The student could then elect to obtain LPN licensure and have the option to reenter as advanced entry. The LPN student would apply for advanced entry, meet the necessary criteria as listed in the application packet and be selected from the points list for that application cycle.
13. Re-entry students will also need to complete a new drug and background screen prior to re-entry as well as be current with CPR and current clinical health requirements. These will be the financial responsibility of the student.