

Bradley University
College of Education and Health Sciences
Department of Nursing

Policy: Graduate Nursing Academic Progression, Withdrawal, and Dismissal

Purpose: To establish clear criteria and procedures for all graduate nursing students at Bradley University. Progression within the graduate nursing major requires that students complete the minimum criteria and adhere to University, college, and departmental guidelines.

Policy Statements:

Academic Progression:

• **Minimum Passing Standard:**

- Students must earn a “B” or better in any nursing course (a course that starts with NUR) that is required for program completion. Students must repeat required nursing courses where a grade of “B” is not achieved.

• **Repeating or Re-enrolling in Courses in the Graduate Nursing Programs:**

Students are permitted to re-enroll or repeat a course only twice per academic career. (Courses that are dropped within the first two weeks of the course will not count toward the repeating/re-enrolling policy; this applies to courses offered for all terms.)

PLEASE NOTE: A repeated or re-enrolled course is treated as a new attempt; therefore, ALL materials (quizzes, assignments, and assignment topics) used in the previous attempt(s) are not permitted. For students repeating or re-enrolling in a DNP project course, this policy applies to assignments other than the DNP Project Paper submissions or the components of the project paper. Students found submitting materials previously used in another course for a new course attempt would be subject to the guidelines in the academic integrity policy.

• **GPA Requirements:**

- Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) based on graduate-level coursework at Bradley University. Students must also maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average each semester to remain in good academic standing. A student whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation.

Academic Probation:

Students that have a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation. A student on academic probation who does not achieve either 1) a cumulative GPA of 3.0 by the end of the next semester or 2) a semester GPA of 3.0 in subsequent semesters will be dismissed.

Students on academic probation are not eligible for Graduate Assistantships or Academic Scholarships, consistent with the Graduate Education Academic Regulations.

Academic Dismissal and Reinstatement:

Dismissed students may petition for reinstatement into the program from which they were dismissed by filing a Petition for Reinstatement to Graduate Study. The Program Director,

Chairperson of Nursing, and Dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences must approve the petition for reinstatement. Petitions for reinstatement are available through Graduate Education.

Dismissed students are allowed to make only one petition for reinstatement to the program from which they were dismissed. If a student is dismissed a second time after reinstatement, no additional petition for reinstatement will be considered. Reinstated students will remain on academic probation. Appeals of a reinstatement decision follow the University Academic Grievance Process.

Dismissal may also occur for factors other than grades upon the recommendation of the appropriate department/program and college leadership, consistent with the Graduate Education Academic Regulations. Appeals of a dismissal decision follow the University Academic Grievance Process.

Withdrawal from Nursing Major:

For withdrawal from the graduate nursing program or University, students should contact their academic advisor. Students withdrawing from their graduate program are also encouraged to contact Student Support Services. Students may drop a course online up until the last day for dropping classes given in the Schedule of Classes. When dropping all courses, students should indicate whether they plan to return the following semester or withdraw from the University.