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Hello students,

Brandon University has recently decided to offer Pass/Fail and No Credit options for course work for the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 terms. This option may affect your entry into or continuation in your professional program. Please read this letter carefully.

Pre-Nursing and Pre-Psychiatric Nursing students

Given the high standards and competitive entry-level requirements for the professional Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing programs, we want to ensure fair consideration and equitable treatment for all applicants. Subsequently, please note **we require letter grades for all courses** submitted for consideration in admission applications. **You should not opt for a grade of Pass in these courses.** If you fail a course this term, you will be permitted to opt for "No credit" with the expectation that you will retake and satisfactorily complete the course. The "No Credit" option is not considered as an attempt, as students are allowed two attempts for each Pre Nursing/Pre Psychiatric Nursing course.

Year 2 and Year 3 Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing students

As a professional program, we are subject to the requirements of our regulatory bodies, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba and the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba. To maintain accreditation and compliance with policies, all students must receive letter grades in theory classes, labs and clinicals (minimum requirement of a letter grade "C") and satisfy the specific clinical practice hours required. **You should not opt for a grade of Pass in these courses.** If you fail a course this term or the Winter Term 2021, you will be permitted to opt for "No credit" with the expectation that you will retake and satisfactorily complete the course.

Year 4 Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing students

In keeping with regulatory body requirements, senior clinical contact hours must be completed as part of your professional program. The safety of our students and the public is paramount. Appropriate PPE will be provided to you. You are not allowed to report for clinical shifts while unwell.

Finally

Thank you for your perseverance as we all make our way through this pandemic. If you have any questions, please kindly contact the BN/BScPN Student Advisors. For the BN program this is Tracey Collyer (CollyerT@BrandonU.CA) and for the BScPN program this is Laura Irwin, (IrwinL@BrandonU.CA). I want to recognize their work and that of all the faculty in supporting our students.

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