
FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

Subject: Interruption to Program Progression **Date:** June 14, 2023

Department: Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing **Reviewed:**

Program: Bachelor of Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing **Approved at Faculty Council:**
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PURPOSE:

Interruptions to student progression in the Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing program, regardless of the reason, disrupts the continuity of the application of knowledge, skills, and decision-making that normally occurs from regular progression through the program. Students who have been absent from the program for periods of time may have difficulty resuming their studies and providing safe, ethical, and effective client care upon their return. This policy is intended to provide the opportunity for students to successfully return to the Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing program following an absence or interruption in their studies. Nursing and psychiatric nursing are practice-based professions; therefore, a review of the preceding clinical course and skills is in the best interest of patient safety and that of the student to promote competency and success in the failed or withdrawn course or due to an interruption to program progression.

Policy:

1. Students who have experienced an interruption of program progression from a clinical nursing/psychiatric nursing course and will experience a disruption in their regular progression through the program, will be required to repeat and pass the clinical nursing/psychiatric nursing course(s) that preceded the interrupted course. For example, if a student failed Clinical Practicum II (Nursing)/Integrated Practice II (Psychiatric Nursing), they would be required to repeat Clinical Practicum I (Nursing)/Medical Nursing (Psychiatric Nursing) at the next available course offering.
2. Students who withdraw from a course or courses for medical reasons must provide proof of medical clearance to the Student Advisor, Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Departments before resuming their studies.
3. The decision to repeat previously completed theory/lab nursing/psychiatric nursing course(s) will be at the discretion of an Ad Hoc Program Progression Committee composed of the Department Chair and the Instructional Associate and Course Faculty of the course(s) from which the student experienced an interruption from the nursing/psychiatric nursing courses.

4. The Ad Hoc Program Progression Committee will meet before the end of the academic term in which the student experienced an interruption from the nursing/psychiatric nursing courses. The student will be notified by their Department Chair of the course(s) they will be required to repeat within one week of the end of that academic term.
5. Students who are not successful in passing previously completed nursing/psychiatric nursing courses will be required to withdraw from the program.