

**NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MARY GRIMES SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Progression

Theory and Practicum

Mary Grimes School of Nursing is a two-year bi-level program. The courses are sequential and the student must complete the requirements of each semester before progressing on to the next. The student must earn 80% in the exam category and 80% in the homework category of the grade book.

Students that withdraw failing a nursing program course (NURS) or are unsuccessful in passing a nursing program course with 80% in both categories are eligible to request to repeat a nursing program course once per level of the nursing program. (Withdraw failing is defined as withdrawing after 76% of the course has been completed with a failing grade as per college policy.) Successful completion of the failed course must occur before progression in the program according to the program sequence plan.

Nursing students are not allowed to fail more than one nursing program course per level. (Nursing program courses can only be repeated one time.) A second failure per level in any nursing program course will result in dismissal from the program. This also applies to students that fail two nursing program courses within the same semester.

NURS 122 Nursing Pharmacology and NURS 230 Pathophysiology are nursing program courses and a failure in one of these courses does represent the only allowed failure per level despite the possibility that the course was taken out of sequence. A failure in either NURS 122 or NURS 230 represents a failure for the level that the student was in at the time the failure occurred. Please note: Nursing elective courses such as NURS 103, NURS 152, and NURS 220 are not considered program courses as they are not required to complete the nursing program.

In the event that a student is unsuccessful in a nursing program course that is available for a repeat in the summer semester, successful completion of the summer session would allow continued progression in the program.

In the event that a student is unsuccessful in a nursing program course that is not available for a repeat in the summer semester, the student may request to move to the opposite campus, repeat the course provided seats are available. Successful completion of the course would allow the student to progress in the program in the opposite campus' course sequence.

A student that does not apply to retake a course within six months or a student that is not approved to retake a course will be dismissed from the program. **A student who is not successful in more than one class per level is not eligible to progress in the program.**

Nursing students must complete all nursing program courses at NCCC unless approved by the Director of Nursing to take courses at another college. Any nursing courses being transferred in must have a grade of 80% or higher. (Students having been accepted to and taken courses at a program other than NCCC must apply as an advanced standing student. See Advanced Standing Policy.)

IV Therapy is incorporated into the first level of the program as mandated by the Kansas State Board of Nursing in 2021. The IV Certification Exam must be successfully completed with a minimum score of 80% to be successful in NURS 124 Patient Centered Care II. Any student graduating in May 2022 and beyond will be IV certified as part of the PN curriculum.

LPN License

Students must successfully pass the National Council Licensure Examination for the Practical Nurse (NCLEX PN) on the second attempt to progress into the second level of the program. Chanute students who are unsuccessful on the NCLEX PN by their second attempt or do not have a PN license by the start of the fall semester will be academically withdrawn from the program and will be required to apply as a PN to RN student. Chanute students must be successful and have an LPN license by the August start date of classes to progress in the nursing program.

Ottawa students should test promptly upon receipt of authorization to test. Students who are not successful by the second attempt or final drop date of the spring semester will not be allowed to complete the spring semester. If students are unsuccessful in passing the NCLEX PN on the second attempt after the refund date they will not be eligible for a tuition refund.

Readmission of Students

Students who withdraw failing, as defined by the college policy, or are unsuccessful in passing a nursing program course may request re-admission once per level of the program. Readmission cannot be more than one year later. If over a year the student must apply for entrance back into that level.

- 1) The applicant shall write a letter to the nursing director seeking re-admission stating the reasons for making the request and student's perception of preparedness to be successful. The letter should be copied to the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) or campus coordinator.
- 2) The faculty will evaluate each applicant on an individual basis. Factors to be considered are:
 - Grades
 - Achievement tests
 - Faculty evaluations (i.e. contracts, clinical evaluations, etc.)
 - Attendance
 - Reason for non-completion
 - Date of last attendance
 - Implementation of the remediation strategy
- 3) For those students who are accepted, re-admission will be determined by:
 - **Available space**
 - The current sequence of courses in the curriculum
- 4) Students returning to the program after unsuccessful completion of a course will be given conditions for readmission. Conditions could include but may not be limited to:
 - Returning Student Contract
 - Providing evidence of use and completion of assigned remediation

- Meet weekly with ADON or Site Coordinator

Students failing the first semester of the nursing program courses will be required to reapply for the nursing program and be considered with other applicants for admission. For a Level II failure, the student will be considered for readmission along with the applicants that have successfully completed Introduction to Professional Nursing. See “Selection Priorities for Readmission” below.

- 5) In the event a student is unsuccessful in any didactic nursing program course within the nursing program it will be necessary to repeat the learning lab, simulation experiences and math proficiency exam from the practicum for the same semester when repeating that didactic course.
- 6) Students who are coming back one year later will be required to re-take the medication calculation proficiency exam over the last semester they completed successfully prior to their exit. The exam may be given a total of three times and must be passed with a 95% score or greater by the third attempt in order to be eligible for re-entry.
- 7) Students choosing not to enroll in Level II following completion of Level I are not required to complete the Introduction to Professional Nursing program course if they officially enroll again within a period of one year.

Students who withdraw passing in the first semester of Level I must follow steps one and two above as applicable.

Students who withdraw after failing or are unsuccessful in passing a nursing program course in the first semester of Level I must follow the program application process again. **Students may re-enter once per level of the program. Readmission cannot be more than one year later.** NURS 201 Introduction to Professional Nursing is considered a second-level course for the PN to RN student. In the event that a PN to RN student would need to repeat NURS 201, this would be considered the re-entry opportunity for the second level for that student.

Selection Priorities for Readmission

The second level class will be limited to a maximum of 96 students between the Chanute and Ottawa campuses, with 40 hybrid online students. In the event there are more applicants than space available, applicants will be ranked according to school policy and in compliance with the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

First Priority: Current Students

Students who successfully complete the first level of the nursing program proceed to second level without reapplication.

Second Priority: Previously Enrolled Students That Voluntarily Withdrew

Applicants previously enrolled in the NCCC nursing program who wish to return to school after having voluntarily withdrawn for health or personal reasons will be considered second priority. If students who are eligible to be admitted as a second priority fail to advise the college of their

plans and fail to appear for class the year immediately following their withdrawal, they will be placed as a third priority for all subsequent years. In the event there are more applicants than the allotted spaces, applicants will be accepted from high to low scores at the time of exit from the previous nursing program course. When ties occur, the applicants will be ranked by the scores of their previous nursing program course grades.

Third Priority: PN to RN Students (Including Transfer Students)

Graduates of accredited licensed practical nursing programs who have successfully completed the Introduction to Professional Nursing program course are eligible to fill vacant seats in the second level of the program. Students will be ranked according to their Introduction to Professional Nursing scores for admission into the program. Applicants not admitted the year they complete the Introduction to Professional Nursing program course will be admitted first over the next year's PN to RN students.

Fourth Priority: Previously Enrolled Students That Failed to Meet Objectives

Applicants previously enrolled in the NCCC nursing program who failed to meet objectives at the end of a semester or withdrew failing and who would be required to repeat the semester's work before continuing are considered a fourth priority. In the event there are more applicants than the allotted spaces, applicants will be accepted from high to low according to previously failed nursing program courses. When ties occur, the applicants will be ranked by the scores of their previous nursing program course grades.

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