

The Alabama College System Nursing Education Program

Progression Policy

In order to continue in the nursing program, the student must:

1. Maintain a grade of C or better in all required general education and nursing courses and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the current institution.
2. Unless previously completed, students must complete all required general education courses according to The Alabama College System Nursing Education curriculum. Exceptions must be approved by the nursing program director.
3. Be acceptable by clinical agencies for clinical experiences.
4. Maintain ability to meet essential functions for nursing with or without reasonable accommodations.
5. Students must successfully complete the nursing education program:
 - a. Within 48 months from initial enrollment in courses with an NUR prefix for ADN students; or
 - b. Within 24 months from initial enrollment in courses with an NUR prefix for PN students.
 - c. Within 24 months from initial enrollment in NUR 201 for Mobility students.
6. Maintain current CPR at the health care provider level.
7. A student that has an unsuccessful attempt in a nursing course (W, D, or F) cannot progress until the course is completed successfully. Course repetition will be based on instructor availability and program resources.
8. Students whose progression through the nursing program is interrupted and who desire to be reinstated in the program must schedule an appointment with a nursing faculty advisor to discuss reinstatement. In order to be eligible for reinstatement the following criteria must be met:
 - a. Students must apply for the nursing program and readmission to the college if not currently enrolled;
 - b. Requests must be received by published deadline;
 - c. Students must request reinstatement within one year from the term of withdrawal or failure;
 - d. Students must adhere to nursing curriculum and/or program policies and procedures effective at the point of reinstatement.
9. Withdrawal and/or a D or F in one or more nursing courses in a term is considered one unsuccessful attempt.
10. A total of two unsuccessful attempts (D, F, or withdrawal) in the nursing program in two different semesters will result in dismissal.
11. If a student has been unsuccessful in the associate degree nursing program, the student may apply for admission to the practical nursing program. If a student has been unsuccessful in the mobility program, the student may apply for admission to the generic program.

12. Students who have two unsuccessful attempts in a specific program (ADN/PN/Mobility) may apply for admission as a new student to any nursing program within the Alabama College System, provided:
 - a. the student meets current entry requirements;
 - b. at least two years have elapsed since the student's dismissal from a specific program and;
 - c. the student was not dismissed from the previous program for disciplinary reasons or for unsafe/unsatisfactory client care in the clinical area.

REINSTATEMENT POLICY

1. Students whose progression through the nursing program is interrupted and who desire reinstatement in the program must schedule an appointment with a nursing faculty advisor to discuss reinstatement. Students must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Students must apply for the nursing program and readmission to the college if not currently enrolled;
 - b. Requests must be received by published deadline;
 - c. Students must request reinstatement within one year from the term of withdrawal or failure;
 - d. Students must adhere to nursing curriculum and/or program policies and procedures effective at the point of reinstatement.
2. Reinstatement to the nursing program is not guaranteed. Selection for reinstatement is based on GPA at the current institution and space availability. Reinstatement will be denied due to, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:
 - a. Grade point average is less than 2.0 from courses completed at the current institution;
 - b. Refusal by clinical agencies to accept the student for clinical experiences;
 - c. Twelve months have elapsed since the student was enrolled in a nursing course;
 - d. Student has been dismissed from the program.
3. Students dismissed from the previous program for disciplinary reasons and/or unsafe/unsatisfactory client care in the clinical area will not be allowed reinstatement to the nursing program.

TRANSFER POLICY

The transfer policy applies only to students desiring to transfer between Alabama College System institutions. It does not apply to students wishing to transfer from other institutions. Must meet minimum admission standards for the nursing program.

1. Must possess a grade of C or better in all general education taken at another institution and possess a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA at time of transfer.
2. Students must successfully complete the program:
 - a. Within 48 months from initial semester for ADN students or;
 - b. Within 24 months from initial semester for PN and Mobility students.
3. Must be a student in good standing and eligible to return to the previous nursing program.
4. Provide a letter of recommendation from the Dean/Director of the previous program.
5. Complete at least 25% of the total program at the accepting institution.
6. Acceptance of transfer students into nursing programs is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal standards does not guarantee acceptance.