

Ponce Health Sciences University

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
Policy



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Introduction

Satisfactory academic progress is a cumulative measure of a student's performance and includes all periods of the student's enrollment. Both quantitative and qualitative standards are used to evaluate satisfactory academic progress in the BSN Program. Quantitative and qualitative standards are measured every term.

Quantitative standards include grades on quizzes, exams, care plans and other measurement tools.

Qualitative standards for practice, as a registered nurse requires many competencies, such as the functional abilities listed below:

- Ability to see, hear, touch, smell, and distinguish colors
- Ability to speak and write with accuracy, clarity, and efficiency
- Manual dexterity, gross, and fine motor movements
- Ability to learn, think critically analyze, assess, solve problems, and reach sound judgments
- Emotional stability and ability to accept responsibility and accountability

Scope

All students must satisfactorily demonstrate these competencies in the didactic, laboratory, and clinical courses throughout their program of studies.

General Requirement

A nursing student will be allowed a maximum time frame of two years of enrollment beyond the standard of four years required for the completion of the program. Summer enrollment is considered part of the academic year for the purposes of this measure.

To ensure that a student is making sufficient academic progress in order to meet the maximum timeframe requirement, the student must complete 67% of all credits attempted. Development and skill courses are included in the timeframe calculation but not in the rate of progress calculation.

This policy also ensures that the Student Financial Aid requirements set forth by federal regulations have been met. The SAP applies to all nursing students enrolled in Ponce Health Sciences University School of Nursing. Student's academic progress is evaluated each trimester of the academic year.

For transfer students, the total years for completion of a degree include those years accredited on admission to the BSN Program.

Course Requirement

Students must complete **all courses** within the established time frame.

Performance Requirement

A student must pass each course. Any student failing to meet this standard of performance will be referred to the Students Promotion Committee to determine the action to be taken.

Professional Behavior Requirement

The students must conduct themselves in accordance with the norms for professional conduct set forth by the Ponce Health Sciences University and the corresponding accreditation agencies.

Grade Requirements

Students will not attain Satisfactory Academic Progress and will be referred to the School of Nursing Students Promotion Committee to be considered for dismissal if any of the following occur:

- Earning an “F” or “WF” in two or more courses in one trimester
- Earning an “F” or “WF” in a nursing course after having had two “F’s” or “WF’s” in previous trimesters
- Earning an “F” or “WF” in the same nursing course taken twice
- Earning less than a 2.50 semester GPA in two consecutive trimesters

Students receiving one “F” in one trimester, but has a trimester GPA of 2.5 or greater will be given an academic warning and will be placed on “Probation”. Students on probation must meet with the Dean of Nursing at the beginning and throughout the trimester.

Students who do not comply with the Satisfactory Academic Policy (SAP) parameters may be referred to the promotions committee. (See Promotions Committee Policy Section)

Financial Aid Eligibility

Financial Aid eligibility is contingent upon satisfactory academic progress. Please refer to the institutional policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress published by the Office of Financial Aid.

Enforcement

The Office of the Executive Director for Student Affairs shall have primary responsibility for overseeing this policy and will provide all nursing students a copy of this document upon admission to Ponce Health Sciences University School of Nursing.

The Chancellor and the Executive Director for Student Affairs, as well as the Dean of Nursing, Registrar and Financial Aid Manager will receive all pertinent data to ensure proper enforcement of the policy here set forth.