

UNDERGRADUATE INFORMATION

Academic regulations

In addition to the information below, the School of Nursing has additional requirements and all new and continuing students are responsible for compliance with all school policies listed in the School of Nursing student handbook, available on the school's canvas site.

Progression

The minimum passing grade for nursing classes is a B/satisfactory. Any nursing student who receives less than a B/satisfactory in any course must repeat the course and earn a B/satisfactory or better. If a student earns less than a B/satisfactory in a required nursing course, the course may be repeated once. If the repeated course, or another nursing course in the program, fails with a grade of C/unsatisfactory or below, the student may not proceed in the nursing major and is dismissed from the School of Nursing.

Courses at the next level in the nursing major without a clinical component may be taken before students officially progress to that level. Grade appeals and progression issues will follow the School of Nursing appeal process, which is outlined in the student handbook.

Students who become out of step with their plan of study due to voluntary or medical withdrawal, leave of absence, suspension or failure, may return to their program of study pending space availability.

A student may fail a clinical course prior to the completion of the course under certain circumstances. A student whose conduct is deemed to be clinically unsafe may be dismissed at any time from a clinical unit. Unsafe clinical performance is defined as behavior that is actually or potentially injurious to patients or staff and is out of the range of ordinary student mistakes. Dismissal from a clinical unit for the remainder of the course results in a failing grade for the course, as does any failure to meet course objectives.

Completion of degree requirements – time limit

Once the student enrolls in the School of Nursing, the degree requirements must be completed within six calendar years. The credentials and programs of a candidate unable to meet this requirement may be evaluated by the undergraduate program committee upon request. Such a candidate may have to meet additional requirements established during the interval since matriculation.

Students in the B.S. program who are not in continuous enrollment (as defined by university policy) may have to meet additional program/course requirements. The undergraduate program committee will evaluate and determine the student's program of study if readmitted to the program.

Preparatory study for nursing

University Academic Advising provides programs in preparation for admission into health sciences programs. For detailed information on the pre-health major in nursing (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/college-humanities-sciences/prehealth-majors/nursing/>), see the UAA section of this bulletin.