

**Bradley University**  
**College of Education and Health Sciences**  
**Department of Nursing**

**Policy:** Graduate Nursing Academic Progression, Withdrawal, and Dismissal

**Purpose:** To establish clear criteria and procedures for all graduate nursing major students at Bradley University. Progression within the graduate nursing major requires minimum criteria and guidelines for successful completion of the program.

**Policy Statements:**

**Academic Progression:**

• **Minimum Passing Standard:**

Students must earn a “B” or better in any nursing course (a course that starts with NUR) that is required for program completion. Students must repeat required nursing courses where a grade of “B” is not achieved.

• **Repeating or Re-enrolling in Courses in the Graduate Nursing Programs:** Students are permitted to re-enroll or repeat a course **only twice** per academic career. (Courses that are dropped within the first two weeks of the course will not count toward the repeating/re-enrolling policy; this applies to courses offered for A, B, and C terms).

PLEASE NOTE: A repeated or re-enrolled course is treated as a new attempt, therefore, ALL materials (quizzes, assignments and assignment topics) used in the previous attempt(s) are not permitted. For students repeating or re-enrolling in a DNP project course, this policy applies to assignments other than the DNP Project Paper submissions or the components of your project paper. Students found submitting materials previously used in another course for a new course attempt would be subject to the guidelines in the academic integrity policy.

• **GPA requirements:**

Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA). Students that have a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation.

**Academic Probation:**

Students that have a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation. Students will then have two semesters to bring their cumulative GPA up to a 3.0 or higher. If students do not reach the minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA after two semesters, they will be dismissed from the graduate nursing program. Students who are placed on academic probation more than twice will be dismissed from their program.

**Academic Dismissal and Reinstatement:**

Dismissed students may petition for reinstatement into the program from which they were dismissed by filing a Petition for Reinstatement to Graduate Study. The Program Director, the Chairperson of Nursing, and the Associate Dean of Distance Education must approve the petition for reinstatement. Petitions for reinstatement are available on the Graduate School web site at [Bradley.edu/grad/](http://Bradley.edu/grad/)

Dismissed students are allowed to make only one petition for reinstatement to the program from which they were dismissed. If the student is dismissed a second time after reinstatement, no additional petition for reinstatement will be considered.

**Withdrawal from Nursing Major:**

For withdrawal from the University, students should contact their academic advisors. Students may also indicate their decision to withdraw by logging onto MyOnline to drop a course. When dropping a course, students should also indicate whether they will return the following semester or plan to withdraw from the university.