



UBC School of Nursing Policy	Approval Date: July 2017
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Title: Clinical Practice Grading	
Responsible Executive: Associate Director, Undergraduate Program	

Purpose:

This policy applies to students entering and/or completing courses in the BSN Program approved by UBC Senate in February 2017.

Professional nursing is committed to the provision of safe, competent, ethical care. Educational experiences occurring in a variety of practice contexts are designed to advance nursing competence in a deliberate manner; practice experiences promote nursing competence incrementally on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.

Nursing practice competence involves knowledge, skill, attitude, and judgment, and requires that students actively engage in all planned practice experiences throughout the program. 'Missed' practice time is not about lost hours - it is about lost opportunities to advance individual nursing competence.

Scope of Application:

This policy applies to students in all courses with a clinical practice component.

Policy:

- a. Clinical courses are graded as: Pass or Fail dependent upon the student's ability to competently meet the course objectives, course requirements and clinical competencies.
- b. Calculation of clinical practice hours does not include travel time, independent laboratory practice time or required time for preparation related to the clinical practice experience.
- c. Since the safety and well-being of health care recipients is of paramount concern, both faculty and students are responsible and accountable for ensuring that appropriate professional standards (i.e. the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals Standards of Practice) are maintained. One important standard is an appropriate knowledge base. Unprofessional behaviors such as inappropriate preparation may result in removal of a student from the placement area. Patterns of unprofessional behavior may lead to charges of professional misconduct and the requirement to withdraw from the BSN program.
- d. Students are required to attend and actively engage in all nursing practice and laboratory experiences throughout the program.

Processes and Procedures:

- a. Performance/preparatory expectations for students' clinical practice will be communicated at the start of each practice course.
- b. A Pass grade in a clinical course is required.
 - i. Should a student receive a Fail grade in the clinical course in the foundational term (Term 1), the course must be repeated and passed to advance in the nursing program.



- ii. Should a student receive a Fail grade in a clinical course in subsequent terms (Term 2-4), the student may be permitted to advance in the nursing program under Academic Probation. The student must repeat and pass the clinical practice course prior to taking NURS 430.
- iii. Should a student receive a Fail grade in the final practicum (Term 5), the course must be repeated and passed to successfully complete the nursing program.
- c. If a student withdraws from the course before the UBC withdrawal deadline, a 'W' for the course will normally appear on the student's transcript.
- d. Students will receive a copy of their completed clinical practice evaluation.

Related Policies:

- SoN Policy: Progression and Advancement in Undergraduate Programs
- SoN Policy: Unsatisfactory Clinical Practice
- SoN Policy: Missed Clinical Practice & Laboratory Experience Time
- SoN Policy: Professional Misconduct