

## **Policy on Pre-Requisite Failure Dismissal, effective 1.1.2022.**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to the administration, faculty, and staff for student dismissal for unsatisfactory completion of mandatory HFCN pre-requisite courses, SCI 101 (Selected Topics in Chemistry and Mathematics) and NUR 121 (Clinical Nursing Skills).

### **Policy**

Students may not repeat co-related (prerequisite) courses. Any student who is unsuccessful in passing SCI 101 and/or NUR 121 will be dismissed from the program.

### **Appeals**

Students have the right to appeal the course grade. This process includes review of the case by the Academic Standards Committee, then next the Appeals Committee, and the President has the final decision. ***The policy for dismissal for a failed grade in either of the prerequisite courses is not available for appeal. Reapplication to the program is not permitted.***

### **Rationale**

Grades in the pre-requisite courses may serve as a predictor of successful progression in a nursing program. Admission and retention of highly qualified students are essential in meeting the demands of the healthcare environment.

### **References**

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