

# NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MARY GRIMES SCHOOL OF NURSING

## Progression

### Theory and Practicum

Mary Grimes School of Nursing is a two-year bi-level program. The courses are sequential and the student must complete the requirements of each semester before progressing on to the next. The student must earn an 80% in the exam category and 80% in the homework category of the grade book.

In the event that a student is unsuccessful in a course that is available for repeat in the summer semester, successful completion of the summer session would allow continued progression in the program.

In the event that a student is unsuccessful in a course that is not available for repeat in the summer semester; but is available for repeat on the opposite campus provided seats are available, successful completion of the course would allow continued progression in the program. Nursing students may not retake nursing courses at other colleges once beginning the nursing program at NCCC.

A student that does not apply to retake a course within six months or a student that is not approved to retake a course will be dismissed from the program. A student who is not successful in more than one class per level is not eligible to progress in the program.

IV Therapy is incorporated into the first level of the program as mandated by the Kansas State Board of Nursing in 2021. The IV Certification Exam must be successfully completed with a minimum score of 80% to be successful in NURS 124 Patient Centered Care II.

### LPN License

Students must successfully pass the National Council Licensure Examination for the Practical Nurse (NCLEX PN) on the first attempt to progress into the second level of the program. Students who are unsuccessful on the NCLEX PN on the first attempt will be academically withdrawn from the program and will be required to apply as a PN to RN student after having worked a minimum of one year in the PN role.

Ottawa students should test promptly upon receipt of authorization to test. Students who are not successful on the first attempt will not be allowed to complete the spring semester. If students are unsuccessful in passing the NCLEX PN on the first attempt after the refund date they will not be eligible for tuition refund.

### *Readmission of Students*

Students who withdraw failing or are unsuccessful in passing a nursing course may request re-admission once per level of the program. Readmission cannot be more than one year later. If over a year the student must apply for entrance back into that level.

- 1) The applicant shall write a letter to the nursing director seeking re-admission stating the reasons for making the request and student's

perception of preparedness to be successful. The letter should be copied to the assistant director of nursing or campus coordinator.

- 2) The faculty will evaluate each applicant on an individual basis. Factors to be considered are:
  - grades
  - achievement tests
  - Faculty evaluations (i.e. contracts, clinical evaluations, etc.)
  - attendance
  - reason for non-completion
  - date of last attendance
  - implementation of remediation strategy
- 3) For those students who are accepted, re-admission will be determined by:
  - **Available space**
  - The current sequence of courses in the curriculum
- 4) Students returning to the program after unsuccessful completion of a course will be given conditions for readmission. Conditions could include but may not be limited to:
  - Returning Student Contract
  - Remediation Assignment
  - Subscription to UWorld, providing evidence of use and completion
  - Meet weekly with ADON or Site Coordinator

Students failing the first semester of the nursing courses will be required to reapply for the nursing program and be considered with other applicants for admission. For a Level II failure, the student will be considered for readmission along with the applicants that have successfully completed Introduction to Professional Nursing. See "Selection Priorities for Readmission" below.

- 5) In the event a student is unsuccessful in any didactic nursing course within the nursing program it will be necessary to repeat the learning lab, simulation experiences and math proficiency exam from the practicum for the same semester when repeating that didactic course.
- 6) Students who are coming back one year later will be required to re-take the medication calculation proficiency exam over the last semester they completed successfully prior to their exit. The exam may be given a total of three times and must be passed with a 95% score or greater by the third attempt in order to be eligible for re-entry.
- 7) Students choosing not to enroll in Level II following completion of Level I are not required to complete the Introduction to Professional Nursing course if they officially enroll again within a period of one year.

Students who withdraw passing in the first semester of Level I must follow steps one and two above as applicable.

Students who withdraw failing or are unsuccessful in passing a nursing course in the first semester of Level I must follow the program application process again. **Students may re-enter once per level of the program. Readmission cannot be more than one year later.** NURS 201 Introduction to Professional Nursing is considered a second level course for the PN to RN student. In the event

that a PN to RN student would need to repeat NURS 201, this would be considered the re-entry opportunity for second level for that student.

### **Selection Priorities for Readmission**

The second level class will be limited to a maximum of 96 students between the Chanute and Ottawa campuses, with 40 hybrid online students. In the event there are more applicants than space available, applicants will be ranked according to school policy and in compliance with the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

#### **First Priority: Current Students**

Students who successfully complete the first level of the nursing program proceed to second level without reapplication.

#### **Second Priority: Previously Enrolled Students That Voluntarily Withdrew**

Applicants previously enrolled in the NCCC nursing program who wish to return to school after having voluntarily withdrawn for health or personal reasons will be considered second priority. If students who are eligible to be admitted as a second priority fail to advise the college of their plans and fail to appear for class the year immediately following their withdrawal, they will be placed as a third priority for all subsequent years. In the event there are more applicants than the allotted spaces, applicants will be accepted from high to low scores at the time of exit from the previous nursing course. When ties occur, the applicants will be ranked by the scores of their previous nursing course grades.

#### **Third Priority: PN to RN Students (Including Transfer Students)**

Graduates of accredited licensed practical nursing programs who have successfully completed the Introduction to Professional Nursing course are eligible to fill vacant seats in the second level of the program. Students will be ranked according to their Introduction to Professional Nursing scores for admission into the program. Applicants not admitted the year they complete the Introduction to Professional Nursing course will be admitted first over the next year's PN to RN students.

#### **Fourth Priority: Previously Enrolled Students That Failed to Meet Objectives**

Applicants previously enrolled in the NCCC nursing program who failed to meet objectives at the end of a semester or withdrew failing and who would be required to repeat the semester's work before continuing and are considered fourth priority. In the event there are more applicants than the allotted spaces, applicants will be accepted from high to low according to previously failed nursing course. When ties occur, the applicants will be ranked by the scores of their previous nursing course grades.

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