

5.4 Progression and Retention: MSN Program

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MSN requirements for progression include the following:

1. A minimum grade of "B" (80 or above) is necessary for all required courses for the MSN degree. Students are responsible for monitoring grades in the course learning management system throughout the semester and communicating with course instructors regarding grade status. Two course failures will result in dismissal from the program.
2. Core courses must be taken in sequence, as indicated in the UT Tyler catalog.
3. Students on conditional admissions status will be granted full acceptance status after the successful completion of designated coursework prior to petitioning the Graduate Advisor for a change in admission status.
4. Nursing courses within the MSN curriculum may only be repeated once. A course withdrawal is counted as one course attempt. Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances.
5. If a student has two or more semesters of at least one withdrawal per semester, the student must submit an appeal form within ten business days after the official withdrawal (drop) date to the graduate nursing advisor if they wish to progress in the program.
6. Electives must be graduate-level courses.
7. Elective hours may be chosen at the student's discretion; however, it is recommended that electives relate to the role function.

Medical Withdrawals

A medical withdrawal is sometimes granted when a medical condition (e.g., surgery, accident, exacerbation of a chronic condition) interferes with a student's ability to successfully complete the semester. Medical withdrawals are considered and granted by a university committee. If a student is granted a medical withdrawal, the following policies apply to School of Nursing students:

1. Students receiving a medical withdrawal will not be permitted to enroll for one semester following the medical withdrawal.
2. To return to the program, the student must submit a healthcare provider's release, indicating the student is recovered and able to withstand the demands of nursing school.
3. Upon return, admission to clinical courses is contingent upon space available.
4. The medical withdrawal does not count as a failure or withdrawal from courses (i.e., it does not impact the total number of failures or withdrawals).

5. If the student had a clinical failure due to unsafe practice during the semester the medical withdrawal was granted, the medical withdrawal does not guarantee continuation in the program. Nor does it guarantee re-admission to the School of Nursing if the failure resulted in dismissal from the program.
6. Effective Spring 2022, a medical withdrawal may only be received for one semester. Students who have had a medical withdrawal prior to Spring 2022 are not eligible to receive a second withdrawal.
7. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on an individual basis.