

Title: Grading System

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Areas Affected: All BSMCON Faculty & Students

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Policy Statement

Diploma

Evaluation is a shared responsibility between student and instructor, including self-evaluation. Each course outline contains the course requirements and the criteria for determining the theory and clinical performance grades. Class (theory) grades are earned according to a letter system. Each letter is assigned a grade point value as follows that designates the quality of work done. Final grades are truncated. For example: 79.4 = 79; 79.5 = 79; 79.9 = 79. Student testing within each course will account for 85 percent of the total student grade per course.

BSN/RN to BSN

Evaluation is a shared responsibility between student and instructor, including self-evaluation, formative, and summative evaluations. Each course outline contains the course requirements and the criteria for determining the theory and/or clinical performance grades. Class (theory) grades are earned according to a letter system. Each letter is assigned a grade point value as follows that designates the quality of work done. Final grades are truncated. For example: 79.4 = 79; 79.5 = 79; 79.9 = 79.

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Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Grade point Interpretation	Value per Course credit
Diploma			
A	94-100	Excellent	4.0
B+	90-93	Above Average	3.5
B	87-89		3.0
C+	83-86	Average	2.5
C	80-82		2.0
D	75-79	Unsatisfactory	1.0
F	0-74	Failing	0
I*		Incomplete	No credit
WP*		Withdrew Passing	No credit
W*		Withdrew per policy for new course	0
WF		Withdrew Failing	0
P		Passing	
BSN/RN to BSN			
A	94-100	Excellent	4.0
B	87-93	Above Average	3.0
C	80-86	Average	2.0
D	73-79	Unsatisfactory	1.0
F	0-72	Failing	0.0
I*		Incomplete	No credit
WP*		Withdrew Passing	No credit
W*		Withdrew per policy for new course	0
WF		Withdrew Failing	0
P		Passing	

* Not tabulated in grade point average

- Simulation and Clinical grades are based on satisfactory “Pass” or unsatisfactory “Fail” work.
- The grade point for a course is tabulated by multiplying the total number of course credits by the grade value (as above).

Example:

Course credits x Grade (value per credit) = Grade points

Course A: 3 credits x B (3.0) = 9.0

The cumulative grade point average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of credits attempted (while enrolled at BSMCON both at the College of Nursing and at regionally accredited institutions that offer general education credits that the school has approved for transfer).

Example:

Total grade points / Total credit hours = Cumulative grade point average

A student who receives less than a “C” or “fails” in a course must repeat the course to meet curriculum requirement. A nursing course may be repeated only once. When a course is repeated, the transcript shows the original and the repeated course grades. Prior to January 1, 2009 the last grade replaced the previous grade in computing the cumulative GPA and was noted by an “R” preceding the grade. The original grade was noted by a <> and is not included in the cumulative GPA. Beginning in January of 2009, both the original and the repeated course grade are used to calculate the cumulative GPA.

An incomplete grade may be assigned by the instructor for theory or clinical requirements, when extenuating circumstances such as illness or another emergency prevent a student from completing course requirements by the end of the course. Failure to satisfactorily complete the necessary course requirement(s) within the approved time frame will result in course failure. This time frame shall be **6 weeks for the diploma program and by the first official date of the following semester for the BSN and RN to BSN programs**. A waiver may be granted in extenuating circumstances in which the time frame is unreasonable. In this circumstance, the student must meet the requirement(s) by the last official date of the following semester.