



POLICY: Academic Remediation and Deceleration

Remediation for a failed examination

- A test score of < 75% will result in an exam failure. Upon posting of final grades, students who failed an exam must make an appointment to meet with the DAS to address the low score and to develop a study/remediation plan. The student will be assigned a remediation learning assignment based on the course objectives for that exam to be completed within three (3) calendar days of notification of exam failure.
- At the end of the term, provided the student has successfully completed the remediation assignments, the DAS will review all exam scores and replace the two (2) lowest with a 75%.
- Remediation assignments will be required for all failed examinations, but no more than two (2) exam grade replacements will be permitted to replace exam failures per term.
- Failure of the remediation assignment will result in individual counseling and academic probation.
- If a student fails, or does not complete, a remediation assignment, the original grade remains.

Remediation for a failed didactic course

- The minimum passing grade for each course during the didactic year is a “C” (75%) and an overall GPA of 3.0 must be maintained for each term in the didactic year. Failure of a course will result in the student being placed on Academic Probation. The student will be tracked by the DAS and will meet with their student advisor and DAS to outline a remediation plan. The student will then complete a comprehensive remediation exam, which must be completed within five (5) calendar days of notification of course failure.
- Failure of the comprehensive course exam will result in failure to progress to the next term and referral to the University Provost with a recommendation for deceleration. Passing the comprehensive exam will allow the student to progress to the next term, however, the student will remain on Academic Probation.
- Students who fail a course and are placed on Academic Probation will remain on probation until the successful completion of the next term provided there are no course failures.
- No more than two (2) failed courses can be remediated during one term. Failure of more than two (2) courses during any term will result in dismissal.

Remediation for a failed Supervised Clinical Practice Experience (SCPE)

- During the clinical year, the minimum required grade to pass each SCPE is a “B” (83%).
- If a student fails a SCPE:
 - The student must complete a remedial assignment
 - The student must repeat the entire SCPE
 - The student must take a second End of Rotation Examination
- The student’s faculty advisor, the Director of Academic Success, and the Director of Clinical Education will develop the remediation plan.
- Failing the remediation plan or failing the repeat rotation will result in dismissal.
- Only one (1) clinical rotation may be repeated. Failure of a second SCPE will result in dismissal.

Remediation for a failed Summative Examination (Clinical or Didactic)

- Summative examinations are required at the completion of both the didactic and clinical years.
- Each student is required to complete each examination with a minimum grade of 80%.
- Remediation for failed summative examinations will follow the algorithm of the failed course as discussed above.
- **Failure of the summative examination remediation will result in dismissal from the program.**

Deceleration

- Didactic:
 - Didactic students will be decelerated for
 - Failure to successfully fulfill complete or pass a remediation plan for a failed course
 - The student will make up the class during the next regularly scheduled offering.
 - Since PA courses are offered in a sequential fashion, failure to pass a class during the didactic year will result in the student not being able to proceed to the next term. The student will join the following year’s cohort.
- SCPE:
 - Clinical phase students will be decelerated for a failed SCPE. This will lead to a delayed graduation date.
 - Students who pass a remedial rotation will continue to progress through the program.
- Financial Aid:
 - Students who must repeat a term or SCPE will incur additional tuition expenses that may not be eligible for federal financial aid assistance.
 - Any student that requires deceleration must present to the university financial aid office to discuss financial obligations related to course completion and graduation.
 - Failure to comply with university financial obligations will delay certification for graduation.

Standard A3.17 (c) The program must make student admission decisions in accordance with clearly defined and published practices of the institution and program. (c) requirements for progression in and completion of the program

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