

Policy: Repeat Withdrawal in Praxis Courses

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear expectations and consequences related to withdrawal from praxis courses, and to guide student progression following unsuccessful course completion in the Bachelor of Nursing (BN) Programs.

DEFINITIONS:

Successful Praxis Course Completion: Achievement of a “Pass” grade in a praxis course in the BN Programs.

Unsuccessful Praxis Course Completion: Any grade other than a “Pass” in a praxis course in the BN Programs.

Withdrawal: A withdrawal from a course, initiated by the student in accordance with program and institutional procedures.

POLICY SCOPE:

This policy applies to all students enrolled in the BN Programs.

POLICY STATEMENT(S):

1. Students are expected to successfully complete all praxis courses by achieving a “Pass” grade and meeting all required course outcomes.
2. Students may withdraw from a specific praxis course **only once**.
 - A **second withdrawal from the same praxis course will result in a grade of “Fail”**, regardless of the term in which the course is taken.
 - A grade of **“Fail”** will result in removal from the BN Programs for a minimum of one year.
3. Students who are unsuccessful in a praxis course will be required to meet with the instructor, Practice Coordinator/Program Chair (Lethbridge Polytechnic) or Assistant Dean of Nursing (University of Lethbridge), and the BN Programs Academic Advisor to review outcomes and progression.
4. Students must demonstrate fitness to practice in all clinical/practice settings to ensure the safety of themselves and others. Refer to the BN Programs Fitness to Practice Policy.
5. The BN Programs Academic Advisor will support students with out-of-sequence planning when a praxis course must be repeated.
6. Students seeking to return to the program following removal must reapply through the University of Lethbridge after a minimum period of one year. Readmission is not guaranteed and is contingent upon meeting current admission requirements.
7. Students who are dismissed from the BN Programs a second time will not be eligible for readmission.
8. The Transfer, Readmission and Special Case Admissions Committee will review applications for readmission and determine eligibility and any conditions for return.

APPENDIX:

N/A

RELATED POLICIES/ASSOCIATED GUIDELINES:

BN Program Policy: Fitness to Practice

REFERENCES:

University of Lethbridge Academic Calendar

For the most current policy information, always refer to the official NESA BN Program Guidelines and Forms Website: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences/policies>

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