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CUM GPA:

- As part of the nursing application, the department will calculate a Cumulative GPA to include all regionally accredited college GPAs. This does not exclude students who earned college credit in high school. The calculator that is used is listed under the “Resources” section of the BSN Application Support website along with instructions.
- Prereqs completed through an AP exam or CLEP exam are not included in the CUM GPA.
- Original and repeated course grades are calculated into the CUM GPA unless the first grade was replaced by the second grade in the institution's overall GPA.
- A 3.0 is the minimum CUM GPA required to be considered for the program.

Prerequisite GPA:

- As part of the nursing application, the department will calculate a GPA for the prerequisite courses that were successfully completed with the minimum grade required (C+ min grade for courses taken prior to the Fall 2023 semester and a B- min grade for courses taken Fall 2023 or later).
- If a prereq was repeated (up to 2 nursing repeats are allowed in one or more of the nursing prereq courses), only the higher grade will get calculated into the prereq GPA.
- The CUM GPA calculator and instructions on how to use it are located on the BSN Application Support website and can be used by students to calculate their prereq GPA.
- Prereqs completed through an AP exam or CLEP exam are not included in the prereq GPA.
- There is no minimum prereq GPA requirement.

Grades:

- The minimum grade requirement for each nursing prerequisite course and nursing course is a C+ for courses taken prior to the Fall 2023 semester and a B- for courses taken Fall 2023 or later.
- The passing grade for all other university requirements is a D-, although fundamental courses may require a higher grade to proceed to the next level.
- It is important to understand how letter grades equate to number of quality points:

LETTER GRADE	QUALITY POINTS PER CREDIT
A+	4.0
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	0.7
F	0

- A [Desired GPA calculator](#) is also located on BSN Application Support website. When a student knows his/her CUM GPA or prereq GPA, he/she can enter the GPA credits/hours, current GPA, and desired GPA to get a sense of what grades and credit hours are necessary to reach that desired GPA.

Repeating Courses:

- Students who need or would like to repeat a course may do so. It is recommended that students take advantage of the grade replacement option. Please see the grade replacement policy for more information located in the online Undergraduate Catalog under the "[Grades, Honors, and Standing](#)" section.
- Repeated prereqs are notated when a student applies to the nursing program.
- Applicants who have more than 2 earned grades below a C+ for nursing prerequisite courses are DISQUALIFIED from applying to the nursing program even if course(s) were repeated with grades of A's. In order to remain competitive throughout the application process, it is highly recommended and encouraged that students are successful in their first attempt at completing prerequisites and refrain from repeating prerequisites.
- If a student repeats a prereq by choice and not because he/she did not meet the minimum grade requirement, the student would not get penalized when applying to the nursing program.