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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.
- Although a 3.0 is the minimum CUM GPA required to be considered for the program, the average CUM GPA of those accepted in recent history has been above a 3.5.

Prerequisite GPA:

- As part of the nursing application, the department will calculate a GPA for the prerequisite courses that were completed with a C+ or higher.
- If a prereq was repeated, only the higher grade will get calculated into the prereq GPA.
- The CUM GPA calculator posted on the pre-nursing website can be used by students to calculate their prereq GPA. Instructions on how to do so are included in the CUM calculator instructions within the “Resources” section of the BSN Application Support website.
- Prereqs completed through an AP exam or CLEP exam are not included in the prereq GPA.
- The average prereq GPA of those accepted in recent history has been at or above a 3.5.

Grades:

- The minimum grade requirement for each nursing prerequisite course and nursing course is a C+.
- 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 points. A grade of a C+ is equal to a 2.3; a B is equal to a 3.0; a B+ is equal to a 3.3; an A- is equal to a 3.7; and an A/A+ is equal to a 4.0.
- A GPA calculator is located on the Registrar’s Office 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 “[Academic Standards](#)” 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.