

School of Nursing Progression Requirements

- Students in the regular program must successfully complete all Semester 1 and 2 courses before they may progress to Semester 3 courses. An overall average of 65% is required in the core non-Nursing courses (Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology, Statistics, English).
- A minimum grade of 65% is required to pass any required or elective Nursing course.
- Students must successfully complete all required Semester 3 and Semester 4 nursing courses before they may progress to Semester 5 courses.
- Students must successfully complete all required courses in Semester 5 and in subsequent semesters before they may progress to the next semester courses.
- Students with two or more course failures will be suspended from the Nursing program for a minimum of two semesters. Students may apply for re-admission. Readmission is at the discretion of the Director and Associate Director of the School of Nursing and the Dean of Science, is not guaranteed, and is dependent on availability of seats. Application for re-admission is via letter to the Associate Director about three months before the planned possible re-entry date.
- For courses that have both classroom and lab components, students must successfully complete both in order to pass the course. Students who need to repeat a course with a lab component must complete both the lab and the classroom component.
- Completing all assigned practica is essential for progression. Practica may occur during days or nights, weekdays or weekends. Performance in clinical nursing courses will be evaluated based on a combination of written assignments, development of nursing care plans, and evaluation of performance. Students must successfully complete the clinical practicum in its entirety to receive credit for the course and progress to the next semester of the nursing program. Sometimes when there are circumstances such as a student's illness, family crisis, or bereavement, it *may* be possible to reschedule missed clinical time. Sometimes it is *not* possible to reschedule missed clinical time and thus a grade of IN (incomplete) will be considered. Extended absences are evaluated by the Associate Director on an individual basis.
- Students must be prepared for practica in various locations beyond Antigonish, including costs of transportation. Practica placements involve a province-wide Health Student Placement Net (HSPnet). While students will be asked about preferences, students cannot select their own practica placements.
- Nursing students are responsible for maintaining certification in HSP CPR.
- Nursing students are expected to disclose any criminal record which has occurred since admission to the Associate Director.