

Grading and Degree Requirements

Baccalaureate Students

Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The information in this policy is intended for UTMB SON baccalaureate students.
Classroom and online Examinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must receive a 75% weighted average on course and final examinations (including the end of course content assessment) in order to receive a passing score for the course.• Students who miss a scheduled assessment examination will receive an incomplete in the course until the assessment examination has been completed.
Daily Clinical Performance – Traditional BSN Students Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to evaluating student’s knowledge and skills, there is an obligation to determine whether the student’s performance in the treatment and/or care of patients is acceptable for the expectations and standards of the nursing profession.• A student who receives a “Does Not Meet Expectations” evaluation for a clinical day because of unsatisfactory professional performance (unsafe, incompetent, or negligent) in the treatment and/or care of patients may be subject to immediate reassignment, course failure, academic probation, or program dismissal.
Course Clinical Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A “Meets Expectations” clinical performance in all critical behaviors is required to receive a passing grade in a course.• A student who receives a “Does Not Meet” final clinical performance evaluation will receive an F in the course, even if grades on other tests or evaluations are satisfactory.• A student who fails a clinical rotation may be subject to academic probation or program dismissal.• Refer to Policy: Clinical Expectations on page 42.
Scholastic Probation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A baccalaureate student will be placed on scholastic probation when his or her GPA falls below 2.0 for the required courses

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Scholastic Probation (cont'd)	<p>and/or the cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 at the completion of any semester or the student receives a failing grade in any nursing course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student will be notified of probationary status.• To be removed from probation and to continue in the nursing program, the student must raise his or her GPA in required courses, as well as the cumulative GPA, to a minimum of 2.0 by the end of the next semester or the next semester the course is offered.• In addition, a probationary student who fails to raise his or her GPA by the end of the next grading period is not considered to be making satisfactory progress, and therefore is not eligible for financial aid the following semester.
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