

Grading and Degree Requirements

Master's Students

Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The information in this policy is intended for UTMB SON master's students.
GPA Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All required courses with a clinical component require a minimum grade of B for satisfactory completion. One C is allowed in a non-clinical course. A second C in any course results in dismissal from the program. In addition, students are subject to academic dismissal if:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ They receive a grade below a B in two required courses with clinical component; or➤ They fail to maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 for two consecutive terms; or➤ They withdraw from three courses while enrolled in the SON; or➤ They withdraw from two courses and fail an additional course.
Clinical Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to evaluating a 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 an unsatisfactory evaluation for a clinical day because of unacceptable or unsatisfactory professional performance in the treatment and/or care of patients will be subject to immediate reassignment, academic probation, or academic dismissal.
Clinical Course Failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students passing the didactic portion of a clinical course, but failing the clinical portion of the course will be given a grade of C for the course. Students who fail both the didactic and clinical portions of a course will be given an F for the course. A grade of C or F in a clinical course is considered an unsatisfactory grade and the student is required to retake the course.

Repetition of Clinical Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only one required course with a clinical component may be repeated. Enrollment must be at the next regularly scheduled offering.• If a student receives an unsatisfactory grade (C, F) in a second clinical course, he/she will be dismissed from the program.
Scholastic Probation Scholastic Probation (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An MSN student will be placed on scholastic probation when they are admitted conditionally, have a GPA of less than 3.0 in a given term, or if they receive a grade of C or below in a clinical course.• The student will be notified of their probationary status by email and USPS.• To be removed from academic probation, the student must meet the conditions of admission by the end of the first semester of study or achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 by the end of the next grading period.