

ACADEMIC GRADING POLICY

Grading Scale

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| A = 95-100 | C = 77-79 |
| A- = 90-94 | F = less than 77 |
| B+ = 87-89 | I = Incomplete |
| B = 83-86 | P = Pass |
| B- = 80-82 | NP = No Pass |

The following policy describes the standards by which satisfactory academic progress is assessed and the determination of academic standing for the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

I. Grades

- A. Didactic Courses: The grading system is A, A-, B+, B, B-, C, F, I, P, or NP
- B. Clinical internships: The grading system is P, NP, and I.
- C. A grade of incomplete (I) is given when, at the time grades are reported, some portion of the student's work in a course (didactic or clinical internship) is lacking, for an acceptable reason such as a student illness, performance anxiety during a practical examination, or death of a family member or a close friend. The course instructor will determine the manner in which the I grade will be converted to a final grade. The instructor who gives the I grade for a course will specify the date by which the student must make up the deficiency.

D. Progression

- i. All first year courses must be satisfactorily completed before a student may enroll in second year courses. All second year courses must be satisfactorily completed before a student may enroll in third year courses.
- ii. In order to progress through clinical internships students must successfully complete all coursework as outlined below:

- a. for DPT570 and DPT640: all 1st year coursework;
 - b. for DPT641: coursework through 2nd year fall semester;
 - c. for DPT720: coursework through 2nd year spring semester;
 - d. for DPT721 and DPT722: coursework through 3rd year fall semester.
- iii. Clinical internships not completed secondary to personal/medical reasons will be evaluated by the faculty on an individual basis to determine whether the student will continue progression through the curriculum. (See I C above)

II. Academic Standing

- A. Good Academic Standing: A student is considered to be in good academic standing if he/she: (1) completes didactic courses with a grade of 80% (B-) or better and (2) passes didactic courses and clinical internships graded as P/NP. A student remains in good academic standing if he/she receives no more than one grade of C in a didactic course.
- B. Academic Probation: Academic probation is an academic standing that indicates concern about the student's performance in the curriculum. By placing the student on academic probation, the student is notified of the faculty's concern regarding past performance.
- i. A student is placed on academic probation following the attainment of one F or NP grade in a didactic course or C grades in two didactic courses in the curriculum.
 - ii. If a student receives an F/NP grade in a didactic or clinical course, the student is withdrawn from the program at the end of that semester. The student will repeat failed coursework when offered in the subsequent academic year.
 - iii. The student is also informed that future performance must improve or the student risks dismissal from the program.
 - iv. When a student is placed on academic probation, he/she remains in this academic standing for the remainder of the curriculum. In these instances, the Director of the School of Physical Therapy will

notify the Registrar that the student should be placed on academic probation.

C. Dismissal: A student is dismissed from the School of Physical Therapy for the following reasons:

- i. Receiving two F/ NP grades in didactic coursework;
- ii. Receiving two NP grades in clinical internships;
- iii. Receiving one F/NP grade in didactic coursework and one NP grade in a clinical internship;
- iv. Receiving three (3) C grades in didactic coursework.