

## ACADEMIC GRADING POLICY

### Grading Scale

A = 95-100	C = 77-79
A- = 90-94	F = less than 77
B+ = 87-89	I = Incomplete
B = 83-86	P = Pass (equivalent to B or above)
B- = 80-82	N = 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 use: The grading system is A, A-, B+, B, B-, C, F, I, P, or N
- B. Clinical internships use: The grading system is P, N, and I.
- C. An instructor may issue a grade of Incomplete (I) only when the major portion of a course has been completed satisfactorily but health or other emergency reasons prevent the student from finishing all requirements of the course. Prior to submitting an Incomplete grade, the instructor and the student complete an Incomplete Grade Contract detailing the completion and submission of all remaining work, and specifying a timeline for completion. After submission of the work, the instructor completes a Grade Change form and submits it to the School Director for approval; the form then is processed by the Registrar's office.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Registrar or the School Director.

#### D. Graduation Honors

Graduate students earning a cumulative 3.50 GPA or higher will graduate With Distinction.

## E. 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: all 1<sup>st</sup> year coursework;
  - b. for DPT642: coursework through 2<sup>nd</sup> year fall semester;
  - c. for DPT723: coursework through 2<sup>nd</sup> year spring semester;
  - d. for DPT724 and DPT725: coursework through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/N. 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. When a student is placed on academic probation, s/he remains in this academic standing for the remainder of the program.
  - i. A student is placed on academic probation following the attainment of one F or N grade in a didactic course or C grades in two didactic courses in the curriculum.

- ii. If a student receives an F/N grade in a didactic or clinical course, the student is withdrawn from the program at the end of that semester in which the F/N grade was received. The student will repeat failed coursework when offered in the subsequent academic year.
- iii. S/he also is informed that future performance must improve or the student risks dismissal from the program.

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

- i. Receiving two F/ N grades in didactic coursework;
- ii. Receiving two N grades in clinical internships;
- iii. Receiving one F/N grade in didactic coursework and one N grade in a clinical internship;
- iv. Receiving three (3) C grades in didactic coursework.
- v. Receiving one F/N grade and two C grades in didactic coursework
- vi. In the case of flagrant and intentional violations of the Code of Academic Conduct or the Physical Therapy Code of Ethics, a student may be removed from the School without previous warning at any time in his or her academic career.