

# CENTRA COLLEGE

## ACADEMIC CATALOG & STUDENT HANDBOOK

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### Clinical Grading

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## CLINICAL GRADING (ADN & PN PROGRAMS)

Students must provide safe and competent care within the clinical setting to successfully pass the clinical portion of a nursing course. Clinical grading is based on the achievement of course outcomes and six designated competencies: Safety, Professionalism, Patient-Centered Care, Teamwork/Collaboration, Quality Improvement/ Evidence-Based Care, Information Technology, and Clinical Reflection.

**Safety:** Safely performs all nursing interventions within the health care micro system, utilizing evidence-based knowledge.

**Patient-Centered Care:** Uses critical thinking and clinical reasoning to make clinical judgments and management decisions to ensure accurate and safe care when implementing all steps of the nursing process.

**Teamwork/Collaboration:** Demonstrates an awareness of the need for teamwork and collaboration in organizing and providing excellent patient care in hospital and community health care settings.

**Quality Improvement/ Evidence-Based Care:** Plans and implements care and patient teaching based on current practice, quality indicators, and cost containment strategies.

**Professionalism:** Demonstrates personal accountability and practices within ethical, legal, and regulatory frameworks of nursing and standards of professional practice.

**Informatics:** Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of Cerner and other EMR platforms utilized in the clinical setting while protecting patient confidentiality.

**Clinical Reflection:** The student can adequately reflect on their clinical experience while also tying in classroom concepts

Students are responsible for bringing their own Clinical Passport to all laboratory, clinical, and simulation experiences. The Clinical Passport will be signed only during the laboratory, clinical, or simulation experience where the skill occurred. Each skill should be signed off by any of the following: laboratory faculty, clinical instructor, simulation faculty, or primary nurse with which the student is working. The completed Clinical Passport will be included in the final student portfolio.

Faculty and instructors supervising clinical experiences will complete a weekly clinical rubric in Moodle for each student based on student clinical participation and clinical reflection. The clinical rubric outlines specific details related to the clinical competencies above. Feedback and weekly clinical grade will be shared with the student. Student is expected to read provided feedback.

A Final Clinical Evaluation will be completed by each student reflecting the course outcomes including thorough examples of how each outcome was met. The student will reflect on the entire clinical experience throughout the semester. The writing should incorporate specific opportunities during the course's clinical that demonstrate the student's application of classroom knowledge to clinical. Faculty will evaluate the student's detailed reflection and provide a final clinical grade of Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory incorporating the student's Final Clinical Evaluation and clinical performance. The clinical

competencies will be included on the Final Clinical Evaluation for grading. The student must be Satisfactory in every clinical competency to progress to the next course.

For course of disciplinary action, please see the Disciplinary Action policy.

### **Clinical Remediation and Disciplinary Action**

#### **Needs Improvement**

1. Clinical rubrics will be weighted in Moodle so that if a student receives a Needs Improvement in two clinical competencies the overall clinical grade will be Needs Improvement for that clinical experience.
2. At the discretion of faculty, competency areas on the clinical rubric noted as Needs Improvement for the first occurrence will result in a clinical coaching session with the clinical or course faculty.
  - a. Clinical coaching will be documented in the feedback provided with the clinical grade.
  - b. Students are expected to improve to Satisfactory within 2 weeks.
  - c. Students who receive a subsequent clinical grade of Needs Improvement will move to the disciplinary actions outlined above.

#### **Unsatisfactory**

1. At the discretion of faculty, competency areas on the clinical rubric noted as Unsatisfactory will follow the disciplinary actions outlined above with the first occurrence.
2. The following behaviors are considered unethical and demonstrate a disregard for patient safety. These behaviors fall outside of the disciplinary action plan outlined above. An immediate meeting with the Academic Director/Dean will occur and can result in course failure/dismissal. Any of the actions below result in an immediate removal from clinical.
  - a. Breach of patient confidentiality
  - b. Dishonesty (such as falsification of documentation)
  - c. Endangering the safety of the patient
  - d. Practicing outside the scope of practice for a student nurse
3. Clinical rubrics will be weighted in Moodle so that if a student receives an Unsatisfactory in any clinical competency the overall clinical grade will be Unsatisfactory for that clinical experience. The disciplinary action plan above will be initiated with any grade of Unsatisfactory starting with the First Occurrence.
  - a. A student must progress from Unsatisfactory to Satisfactory within 2 weeks. It is expected that the student remains at Satisfactory for the remainder of the semester.
  - b. At any time in the semester, if the student receives a subsequent Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory (after the initial Unsatisfactory occurrence), the student will progress through the disciplinary action plan outlined above.