Doctor of Nursing Practice Progression Benchmarks

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POLICY STATEMENT:

All matriculated students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program are required to pass the established Interim and Terminal Benchmarks as indicated below.

INTERIM BENCHMARKS:

Post-Baccalaureate DNP students :

There are two interim benchmarks for post- baccalaureate DNP students: Written Comprehensive Examination with a specialty clinical focus; and Interim Professional Portfolio. Students must pass both interim benchmarks in order to progress to NURS 790: Clinical Residency.

The written comprehensive examination is offered once per year and evaluated by the clinical specialty faculty. Students must take the exam according to the regularly scheduled timeframe as published by the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. The Interim Professional Portfolio consists of at least five scholarly case reports and will be evaluated by the Doctor of Nursing Practice program faculty.

If a student fails to meet the minimum standard for either of the Interim Benchmarks, the student must repeat and successfully pass the failed portion by retaking the written comprehensive examination or revising the Interim Professional Portfolio. If a student fails either Interim Benchmark, the student will be placed on probation. Students are eligible to retake the examination or resubmit the portfolio once. If a student fails to meet the minimum standard of the Interim Benchmark(s) after examination retake or portfolio resubmission, the student will be dismissed according to the SON Probation and Dismissal policy (refer to 20-04.13). If a student has been placed on probation for failing an Interim Benchmark, the student will be removed from probation upon successful completion of the Interim Benchmark.

[1] The Chair of the Faculty Committee/Council or Official Administrative Unit responsible for oversight

The student must pass both Interim Benchmarks to progress to the NURS 790: Clinical Residency.

Post-Master DNP students:
There is one interim benchmark for post-master DNP students: Interim Professional Portfolio. Students must pass the interim benchmark in order to progress to NURS 790: Clinical Residency.

Students must submit their Interim Professional Portfolio according to the regularly scheduled timeframe as published by the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. The Interim Professional Portfolio consists of at least three scholarly case reports and will be evaluated by the Doctor of Nursing Practice program faculty.

If a student fails to meet the minimum standard for the Interim Benchmark, the student must revise the Interim Professional Portfolio. If a student fails the Interim Benchmark, the student will be placed on probation. Students are eligible to resubmit the portfolio once. If a student fails to meet the minimum standard of the Interim Benchmark after resubmission, the student will be dismissed according to the SON Probation and Dismissal policy (refer to 20-04.13)

TERMINAL BENCHMARKS:
The terminal benchmarks demonstrate student integration of the program competencies through satisfactory completion of the Professional Portfolio and public presentation of the Professional Portfolio. Students must pass both the evaluation of the Professional Portfolio and public presentation in order to graduate. For students graduating in Spring term, these benchmarks must be satisfactorily completed at least 14 days prior to the School of Nursing Convocation and OHSU Commencement. Refer to SON Policy 20-04.20.

The Professional Portfolio consists of:
- Clinical Inquiry Project Report;
- Case Reports (10);
- Policy Analysis Report; and
- Publishable Paper

The content and the oral presentation of the Professional Portfolio are evaluated by the Doctor of Nursing Practice program faculty.

If a student fails to meets to meet the minimum standard for the Terminal Benchmark(s), the student must revise the Professional Portfolio and/or repeat the public presentation. If a student fails the Terminal Benchmark(s), the student will be placed on probation. Students are eligible to repeat the process once. If a student fails to meet the minimum standard of the Terminal Benchmark upon resubmission of the Professional Portfolio and/or repeat of the public presentation, the student will be dismissed according to the SON Progression, Probation and Dismissal policy (refer to 20-04.13). If a student has been placed on probation for failing a Terminal Benchmark, the student will be removed from probation upon successful completion of the Terminal Benchmark and will graduate in good standing.

RATIONALE (Only required if intent of policy is unclear):

DEFINITIONS:

IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES:

Responsible Party: **Action:**

RELATED REFERENCES (if applicable):

SON Progression, Probation and Dismissal 20-04.13
SON Convocation & Commencement Participation 20-04.20

NOTES (if applicable):

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