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GENERAL STATEMENT
All Broward College ("the College") Health Science programs are limited enrollment programs that require specific levels of proficiency in the core requirement courses and in required clinical experiences, as well as adherence to professional conduct standards in order to remain in good standing in the program. Students who fail to meet the minimum level of proficiency as published in the College Catalog, or who may be in violation of College code of conduct and/or professional standards may be suspended. Students who earn a license as a practice nurse (LPN) will be automatically readmitted to the Nursing Program. Other students may be considered for re-entry by applying through an Academic Standards Petition. If re-entry has been approved, further conditions which will revalidate previously achieved competencies and sufficient knowledge levels may be outlined in the Program Manual and must be agreed to by the student. Re-entry is not guaranteed and will be based upon but not limited to, the student’s academic history, nature of the code of conduct violation, the availability of space in the program and/or clinical sites, and satisfactory completion of remediation. Additionally, some Health Science programs may require valid state license or certification.

THE POLICY AND THE STUDENT
Students must adhere to all admissions criteria published in the current College catalog at the time of re-entry. If all standards are met and re-entry is approved, students will be required to revalidate competencies at sufficient knowledge levels needed in the program at the point of re-entry. These guidelines are outlined by the specific program in their Program Manual.

Standards for Re-entry Due to Lack of Academic Progress

AS Degree Nursing Program
Currently enrolled students with eight (8) or more Nursing (NUR) credits of failure are not eligible for continuance or re-entry into the AS Degree Nursing program at the College. Transfer students from other nursing programs with prior course failures of eight (8) or more Nursing (NUR) credits are not eligible for admission to the College’s AS Degree Nursing program.

Bachelors Degree Nursing (RN-BSN) and Other Health Science Programs
Re-entry for all other Health Science programs, including the RN to BSN Program, may be considered when students have exceeded the number of clock/credit hours of course failures per program guidelines. Students may apply for re-entry consideration through an Academic Standards Petition.

Re-entry is only allowed once during the student’s enrollment at the College for any reason, and students can apply for re-entry within a period of no more than two years from the date of the original suspension.

History: Adopted as Policy 5.33 on January 25, 2011; revised on December 13, 2011.
Standards for Re-entry Into Any Health Science Program Due to Conduct

Students may be suspended for code of conduct violations per College Policy 5.02 - Student Code of Conduct. Students may also be suspended from clinical experiences due to professional standards of conduct violations as outlined by the specific program’s standards of professional conduct and documented in the guidelines for each program or when clinical performance assessments are below standards.

Clinical experiences are required for all health science programs. The College does not operate the clinical sites except for the BC Dental and Vision Care Clinics located on campus. The College delivers clinical experiences through affiliation agreements with third-party, off-site providers. Students are subject to the rules and regulations of third-party healthcare providers. Students who violate the rules of the clinical site, whether on or off-campus, may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, in accordance with College Policy 6Hx2-5.02, Student Code of Conduct. Consideration for re-entry into a Health Science program will depend upon the severity of the circumstances of the code of conduct violation, which may have caused termination at the site or suspension based on Code of Conduct violations.

THE POLICY AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF

Faculty and staff will comply with the re-entry guidelines in this policy.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The President has the authority to establish procedures to implement this policy. The Deans of Health Science are responsible for implementation of this policy. The Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, in consultation with the Campus Presidents, is responsible for oversight of policy compliance. All decisions are made by the Academic Standards Committee in accordance with BC Policy 6Hx2-5.28 & Procedure A6Hx2-5.28, pending review by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management for consistency with College Policy and Procedure as well as Florida statutes.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

Students who violate the Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the College.

Faculty and staff shall not discriminate or demonstrate bias against students in the application of this policy in accordance with BC Policies 6Hx2-3.31 & 6Hx2-3.34.
Staff and non-represented faculty who violate this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

Full-time Faculty who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination, as outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Broward College and the United Faculty of Florida, Broward College Chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Certification—Professional certification is where someone is deemed able to competently complete a job or task by passing an examination and meeting other eligibility requirements, such as education and paying a fee. There are also usually ongoing requirements that need to be met, such as retesting or completing a minimum number of continuing education activities.

State license—The granting of permission by a competent authority (such as a government agency) for an individual to engage in a practice or activity is granted on the basis of education and examination rather than performance.

Suspension—Separation of the student from the College for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified.