Students Entering Prior to 2015

Academic Probation

A student will experience an Academic Probationary Event when any of the following occur:

1. The student receives a failing grade (F, WF, or AF) or unsatisfactory grade (UN) in any required or elective course of the curriculum. If the student receives a second failing or unsatisfactory grade in any required or elective course of the curriculum, s/he will be dismissed from the program (see section on Dismissal).
2. The student receives two grades of D in any required or elective courses of the curriculum.
3. The student receives a third grade of D in any required or elective course of the curriculum, regardless of the semester in which this third grade of D is received. If the student receives a fourth grade of D in any required or elective course of the curriculum, s/he will be dismissed from the program (see section on Dismissal).
4. The student fails to earn a semester grade-point average of at least 2.00.
5. The student receives an academic probationary event sanctioned by the program faculty for repeated or serious incident(s) of unprofessional behavior (See SPAHP Professional Behavior Policy).

While a cumulative GPA below 2.00 is not counted as an Academic Probationary Event in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, all are reminded that this performance level must be met or exceeded in order to graduate from Creighton University.

Students may earn more than one academic probationary event in a single semester, as exemplified in Appendix A. However, a semester grade-point average of less than 2.00 will not be counted as a second or third academic probationary event within a given semester if it is the mathematical inevitability of substandard performance (e.g., two or three grades of D, or a failing or unsatisfactory grade). Academic probationary events become a component of the student’s academic history, and are not removed secondary to subsequent acceptable academic performance.

Didactic Component

A student enrolled in the didactic component of his/her professional curriculum who is placed on academic probation will be notified of his/her status in writing by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. This letter will outline School and University sources of academic and/or behavioral support and inform the student of the requirement to meet with his/her academic advisor to develop a mandatory Corrective Action Plan. The Corrective Action Plan must be signed by the academic advisor and submitted by the student to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within ten working days of official notification of probationary status. If this time frame cannot be met due to legitimate reasons (e.g., schedule conflicts), the student and
his/her academic advisor may jointly request an extension from the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Copies of the Corrective Action Plan will be forwarded to the members of the Academic Review and Support Advisory Committee for review and possible amendment. The student may be required to appear before the Academic Review and Support Advisory Committee after the submission of the Corrective Action Plan. In this event, the student’s academic advisor will be invited to participate in the meeting. Any additional recommendations of the Committee will be summarized and appended to the student's Corrective Action Plan and forwarded to the student, his/her academic advisor and the appropriate department chair(s). Copies of the Corrective Action Plan, and any additional documents generated by the Academic Review and Support Advisory Committee, will be placed in the student's file housed in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

**Experiential Education Component**

A student enrolled in the experiential education component of his/her professional curriculum during the 4th professional year who is placed on academic probation will be notified of his/her status in writing by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. This letter will be sent immediately following the end of the problematic clinical experience and will inform the student of the requirement to meet with the experiential education director for the program in which s/he is enrolled to develop a mandatory Corrective Action Plan. It is recommended that the student’s academic advisor also be involved in the development of the Corrective Action Plan. The experiential education director is responsible for consulting with any faculty s/he deems necessary to address deficiencies and remediate the situation, and to ensure that all pertinent improvement strategies are incorporated into the Corrective Action Plan. The experiential education director has the right to delay the next clinical experience(s), reassign the student to a different clinical site(s), or allow clinical experiences to proceed as previously planned.

Within ten working days of official notification of probationary status by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the student must submit the Corrective Action Plan that has been signed by the experiential education director to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If this time frame cannot be met due to legitimate reasons (e.g., schedule conflicts), the student and the experiential education director may jointly request an extension from the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

A copy of the Corrective Action Plan will be forwarded to the experiential education director, appropriate department chair(s), and the student's academic advisor. A copy of the plan will also be placed in the student's file housed in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, but will not be reviewed by the Academic Review and Support Advisory Committee.

**Academic Dismissal**
A student will be immediately and automatically dismissed from the program upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:

1. The student receives a second failing (F, WF, AF) or unsatisfactory (UN) grade in any required or elective course of the curriculum, regardless of the semester in which the failing grades were earned, and/or whether the previously failed course has been repeated for a passing grade.
2. The student earns a semester grade-point average of less than 2.00 for a third time, regardless of whether any courses have subsequently been repeated for higher grades.
3. The student receives a fourth grade of D in any required or elective course of the curriculum, regardless of the semester in which the D grades were earned.
4. The student is officially notified of a third academic probationary event.

Academic dismissal means the student is immediately and automatically terminated from the program upon receipt by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs of written documentation of final grade(s) and/or a dismissal-precipitating probationary event resulting from sanction of unprofessional behaviors from the course or program faculty. The Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall promptly notify all dismissed students of their status. A dismissed student who believes s/he has grounds for a grade appeal must pursue that appeal before seeking reinstatement or s/he forfeits the right to appeal the grade. Students appealing a grade have the right to attend classes or clinical rotations, participate at assigned clinical education sites and exercise the privileges of all other School students pending the outcome of the appeal, except in cases where there are reasons relating to the physical or emotional welfare of the student or of others, or reasons involving the safety of persons or property. The decision on student status will be made by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Students who request reinstatement after notification of dismissal without pursuing a grade appeal forfeit their right to appeal any grade earned in their program of study up to the date of the dismissal. Any student who has questions about filing a grade appeal and its effect on any request for reinstatement should confer with his/her academic advisor, the Chair(s) of the department(s) within their program, and/or the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

A dismissed student who wishes to be considered for reinstatement must communicate this intent in writing to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 10 working days of the date on which the written notification of dismissal was sent. Electronic notification of dismissal and the intent to appeal for reinstatement is permitted. The dismissed student appealing for reinstatement has the right to attend classes and exercise the privileges of all other School students pending the outcome of the appeal except when prohibited by department policy or in cases where there are reasons relating to the physical or emotional welfare of the student or of others, or reasons involving the safety of persons or property. The decision on student status will be made by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

The dismissed student petitioning for reinstatement will make a written and oral appeal to the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee (Pharmacy) or the program faculty (Occupational
Therapy and Physical Therapy). The reinstatement hearing will be held as soon as feasible after the receipt of the intent to appeal. Scheduling will take into account the time needed for the dismissed student to prepare required written and oral statements. The dismissed student may have a support person present during their appeal, but that individual may not address the Committee/program faculty unless invited to do so by the presiding administrator. The dismissed student may also provide written statements of support by appropriate individuals (e.g., teachers, counselors, advisors) with the materials submitted prior to the hearing. These materials shall be submitted to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who will then forward them to the Committee/program faculty no later than 48 hours before the hearing is to take place.

**Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee.** The Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee shall be a standing committee of the Pharmacy program. The Committee shall be comprised of six members and four alternate members, all of whom must have at least three years of Creighton pharmacy faculty experience. Committee members and alternates shall be recommended for service by both Department Chairs and appointed by the Dean in a staggered fashion. Each department shall be represented by three Committee members. Two alternate Committee members from each Department shall also be appointed. Two consecutive terms are permitted for Committee members. The four-year terms of all appointments shall be staggered, with new or returning members being appointed every two years. To honor the mandate of staggered appointments, the initial appointment of two members and one alternate from each department shall be four years in length while the appointment of one member and one alternate from each department shall be two years in length. The Senior Associate Dean or designee appointed by the Dean will chair the Committee as a non-voting member. Six members shall constitute a quorum. Votes on all motions shall be by secret paper ballot. Any member of the Committee who serves as an academic advisor for an appealing student must recuse himself/herself from all Committee deliberations on that cycle of appeals.

**Responsibilities of the Dismissed Student**

1. Adhering to all timelines for initiating reinstatement appeals.
2. Preparing written and oral statements of appeal in consultation with the academic advisor.
3. Submitting a written statement of appeal to the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee or the Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy program faculty via the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs no later than three working days before his/her scheduled hearing.
4. Presenting his/her oral statement of appeal to the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee or the Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy program faculty.

**Responsibilities of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or his/her designee**
1. Providing written notification of dismissal to the student and to the Office of the Senior Associate Dean.

2. Copying and disseminating pertinent documents from the dismissed student’s academic record, including all Corrective Action Plans, correspondence from the Academic Review and Support Advisory Committee, and the student’s written statement of appeal, to the appropriate faculty in a confidential and timely manner.

3. Serving as a resource for the dismissed student seeking reinstatement.

4. Informing students verbally and in writing of the outcome of their reinstatement appeal, including any binding conditions and recommendations of the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee or the Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy program faculty (see below).

5. Constructing the program of study for reinstated students, including any binding conditions of the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee or the Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy program faculty. No element of the program of study may be in conflict with a decision officially rendered by the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee or the Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy program faculty.

Responsibilities of the Senior Associate Dean or his/her designee

1. Arranging the date, time and place of the hearing and communicating hearing logistics to the dismissed student, the appropriate faculty, and the Office of the Academic and Student Affairs.

2. Securing any needed communications equipment (e.g., speaker telephone, technical support).

3. Securing any data, statements, or information requested by the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee or the Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy program faculty.

4. Presiding at the reinstatement hearing.

5. Documenting the outcome of the reinstatement hearing through the preparation of minutes.

6. Disseminating hearing minutes to the program faculty, the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and the Dean.

Responsibilities of the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee and Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Program faculty

1. Reviewing pertinent elements of the dismissed student’s academic record as provided by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the student’s written statement of appeal, and any supporting document provided by the student, faculty colleagues, or School administrators.

2. Receiving verbal reports from academic administrators, academic success counselors, the student’s academic advisor, and others as deemed necessary.

3. Hearing the dismissed student’s oral statement of appeal and asking pertinent or clarifying questions.
4. Requesting any additional information needed to make an informed reinstatement decision.

5. Voting on any forthcoming motion to reinstate the dismissed student. A simple majority is required for the motion to pass. If no motion to reinstate comes forward, the student remains dismissed.

6. When warranted, imposing binding conditions related to the program of study on the reinstated student. Faculty hearing reinstatement appeals may also recommend that the reinstated student seek personal counseling and/or other health care related services. Based on privacy and autonomy issues, as well as the need for students to assume responsibility for their academic performance, these recommendations will not be binding unless it can be reasonably predicted that failure to heed them would result in harm to the student or others.

Administrative Appeal

The dismissed student who is denied reinstatement by the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee or the Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy program faculty has the right to appeal to the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, and the Provost, in that order. The timeline for initiating these appeals is outlined in Appendix B. The University administrator identified in Appendix B shall only recommend a change in the decision made by these bodies if the decision is arbitrary, capricious, clearly unsubstantiated or in violation of other School or University policies. If allowed by the Readmission Policy, dismissed students who do not seek or are denied reinstatement may apply for readmission through the regular admissions process no earlier than one calendar year from the date of dismissal.

Any student reinstated by the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions program faculty or their representative Committee, or the Dean as set forth above or in Appendix B, will be subject to immediate academic dismissal effective upon the occurrence of any additional probationary event. The student’s past academic history will be considered when determining if a probationary event is warranted.

Students dismissed for a second time will not be allowed to appeal to the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee (Pharmacy) or the program faculty (Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy), Dean, or University administrator for reinstatement nor are they permitted to reapply to the program.

Failure to comply with any part of this process on the part of the student will result in forfeiture of all rights of appeal as outlined.

The School reserves the right to modify, deviate from, or make exceptions to this policy at any time, and to apply any such modification, or make any such deviation or exception applicable to any student without regard to date of application, admission, or enrollment. This policy is neither a contract nor an offer to enter into a contract. Each student is responsible for knowledge
of the School’s policies, as well as for changes promulgated by the School as addenda to policies and, by virtue of their enrollment in the School, agrees to be bound by the terms of these policies. This policy supersedes all previous versions of the Scholastic Standing Policy. Any changes which are made in the University’s Student Handbook will automatically be incorporated into this policy.

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Appendix A: Academic Probationary Event Sample Scenarios

Scenario #1

Performance: The student earns one failing or unsatisfactory grade and two grades of D in the same semester, resulting in a semester GPA less than 2.00.

Action: Two academic probationary events are issued; one for the failing or unsatisfactory grade and another for the two grades of D. A probationary event is not issued for the substandard semester GPA since it is a direct result (i.e., a mathematical inevitability) of the D and F grades.

Scenario #2

Performance: The student earns three grades of D in the same semester.

Action: Two academic probationary events are issued; one for the first two grades of D and another for the third grade of D.

Scenario #3

Performance: The student earns one failing or unsatisfactory grade and three grades of D in the same semester.

Action: The student is dismissed for earning three academic probationary events. The first event is issued for the first two grades of D, the second for the third grade of D, and the third for the failing or unsatisfactory grade.

Scenario #4

Performance: The student with a previous probationary event due to two grades of D earns a third grade of D and, as a direct result, a semester grade-point average below 2.00.

Action: A second probationary event is issued for the third grade of D, but a third probationary event is not issued for the substandard semester grade-point average.
Scenario #5

Performance: The student with two previous probationary events due to the appropriate combination of two grades of D, a failing or unsatisfactory grade, three grades of D or sanctioned unprofessional behavior earns another grade of D. The semester grade-point average can be above or below 2.00.

Action: The student is dismissed for earning a third probationary event (third or fourth grade of D).

Scenario #6

Performance: The student with two previous probationary events as described in Scenario 5 is issued a probationary event by program faculty for unprofessional behavior.

Action: The student is dismissed for earning a third probationary event.
Appendix B: Intent to Appeal (Scholastic Standing)

Name____________________________________ Date____________________

Step 1. Appeal to the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

I intend to appeal the decision of the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee (Pharmacy) or the program faculty (Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy) to deny reinstatement, which was rendered on_____________________________, and will describe my reason in my written appeal

Month   Day   Year

I understand that I have ten (10) working days from the date the official written notification of the decision of the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee (Pharmacy) or the program faculty (Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy) was sent to present a written appeal to the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions or I forfeit the right to appeal.

Student Signature_____________________________ Date____________________

Step 2. Final Appeal to the Provost

I intend to appeal the decision of the Pharmacy Reinstatement Appeals Committee (Pharmacy) or the program faculty (Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy), and the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, to deny reinstatement to the Provost, and will describe my reason in my written appeal.

I understand that I have ten (10) working days from the date the official written notification of the decision of the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions was sent to present a written appeal to the Provost or I forfeit the right to appeal.

Student Signature_____________________________ Date____________________

* The appeal steps must be taken in order. Only one step can be taken at a time, and the next step cannot be initiated until the student receives notification of the outcome of the previous step