

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STUDIES' POLICY ON ADMISSION, PROGRESSION AND RETENTION

Community Health Entry and Graduation Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements

The requirement for admitting students into Community Health Program is a minimum GPA of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students in Community Health will be allowed to continue in the program, but cannot graduate unless the student maintains a GPA of 2.5 or better.

Pre-Physical Therapy Entry and Graduation Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements

The requirement for admitting students into Pre-Physical Therapy Program is a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. After the student has completed a total of 90 credit hours, the student must have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or better to be able to graduate from the program.

Progression and Retention Policies

Once the student enters the professional phase of the program, the following policies apply to progression through the program. The Health Studies curriculum requires completion of 83 credit hours of course work that includes:

1. Service Learning HSC 3321 and at least 122 credit hours.
2. Academic progress of students is based on the successful completion of all courses with a grade of C or better and demonstration of proficiency in identified independent final year project.
3. Any interruptions or repetition of coursework will result in an extension of the total length of the program. To ensure timely completion of the program course sequences must be followed.

Probation and Dismissal Policies

Probation is defined as written notification of the student's current status in Health Studies.

- Students with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.5 in Community Health and GPA of less than 2.75 in Pre-Physical Therapy will be placed on probation. Students with GPA less than 2.5 in Community Health and a GPA of less than 2.75 in Pre-Physical Therapy after the third semester of three consecutive semesters will be dismissed from the Department of Health Studies.
- Students must repeat any fieldwork-HSC 3321 in which they receive an unsatisfactory (less than 75% or identified cut off score) performance evaluation.
- Contracts are established for students placed on probation in consultation with the program director and their academic advisor, which outlines the requirements for successful progression in the professional program. Failure to meet the requirements of the contract can result in dismissal from the department.