I. Purpose

This policy outlines the Academic Standards of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) Health Professional Programs. In addition to the requirements outlined in this policy, students must meet the academic standards set by SMPH and the applicable Health Professional Program. Continuation in a Health Professional Program is at the discretion of the Program and the School of Medicine and Public Health. Failure to meet the Program’s academic expectations can result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the Program. If a student is not making satisfactory progress in regards to academic expectations, the Program will determine if remediation or dismissal is recommended.

II. Definitions

Health Profession Program: Any of the SMPH Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Genetic Counselor Studies, Master of Physician Assistant Studies, and Master of Public Health Programs (each, a “Program”).

III. Policy

1. The minimum standards to remain in good academic standing are as follows:
   - Maintain a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) or better for courses used to meet degree requirements during and at completion of the Program
   - Earn a GPA of 3.0 or better each semester
   - Earn a grade of Credit in all courses graded Credit/No Credit

   Note: Grade minima for required courses are program-specific.

2. Grades of Incomplete, Unsatisfactory, Fail/No Credit, or that otherwise fail to meet conditions set by the Health Professional Program may result in required remediation activities, academic probation, a hold on future enrollment, or suspension or dismissal from the Program.
3. Students who have been dismissed from a Program for academic reasons may petition for appeal as set forth in the Health Profession Programs Appeals Process.

4. Information on the Academic Standards and the Appeals Process shall be included in each Health Profession Program’s Student Handbook.

Links to Related Procedures
1. Health Profession Program (non-MD) Student Appeals Process

2. University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) Health Profession (non-MD) Student Appeals Hearing Committee: Structure, Function and Operation

Links to Related Guidelines

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Guidelines for Completing the SMPH Policy Template

Please use the following guidelines in conjunction with policy 10.01 UW SMPH Policy Development, Review, and Implementation Policy, to develop and submit a policy for review by the Policy Development and Review Committee (PDRC).

Structure for Policy Sections

Some sections may vary from this standard, but most sections should retain these general standards for ease of use.

Header

The header for each policy includes the Policy Title, Policy Number, Management Sponsor, and Policy Contact Unit (i.e., Clinical Trials, Facilities, Fiscal, Graduate Studies, Human Resources, Information Services, Student Services, etc.)

I. Purpose

Briefly summarize the information covered in the policy including a concise summary of the objectives to be achieved to inform readers why the policy was created.

II. Definitions

When the subject matter requires a precise understanding of terms, include them here. This allows a reader to approach the content in a more knowledgeable manner, and to easily refer back to the definition as needed when the term is used frequently throughout the policy. Only terms that are actually used in the policy should be included in the Definitions section.

III. Policy

The policy statement contains the governing principles, plans, or understanding that guides the action. It states what we do and why, but not how. The policy statement(s) should be brief, and may be supplemented by reference to separate procedures, guidelines and/or references that may be updated from time to time without requiring an update to the overarching policy.

IV. Footer

Contains:

The unit responsible for administration of the policy and the title of the administrative contact, (e.g. SMPH HR, contact SMPH HR Operations Manager),

Approval date, (supersedes date, if applicable)

Policy History: original policy or business practice implementation date, revision history and pertinent policies that the current policy revises or replaces. (e.g. replaces Policy on Policies, Originally Issued: 1959, Recent Revisions: 2/13/2004; 7/14/2006; 2/28/2008; 4/24/2008; 12/12/2008, 7/1/2013; 06/13/2014 (Updated titles and roles)).

Next scheduled review date for the policy.
**Link to Related Procedures (if applicable)**

Procedures are the *required* processes to comply with overarching policies.

Procedures describe how the policy is implemented at SMPH locations. The action steps included here should clearly and accurately describe the mandated process and responsibilities for accomplishing tasks governed by the policy.

Some policies may link to multiple procedure headings for the different tasks addressed under the policy. Procedure links should be organized chronologically by task for ease of use.

**Link to Related Guidelines (if applicable)**

Guidelines provide suggested methods for accomplishing tasks governed by the policy, but are not mandatory procedures. Guidelines and other supplemental information may be indicated by reference/hyperlink within a policy and be better maintained on the SMPH or other unit’s website.

**Link to Related References (if applicable)**

List the sources upon which the policy is based, including Federal and State laws, System-wide policies, and other SMPH policies. In addition, list other SMPH policies or resources that are related to or referenced in the policy.