Progression Policies (for all course routes)

1. Students are required to carefully read and sign each fall semester that they remain in active compliance with all of the elements specified in the Division of Nursing Student Policy Manual. Professional standards require that all nursing students must remain in compliance with the rules and regulations pertaining to professional conduct outlined by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

2. Students are expected to conform to the Code of Student Conduct as stated in the Louisiana College Student Handbook.

3. A minimum grade of “C” in each nursing course is required.

4. All nursing courses must usually be taken in the sequence listed in the curriculum schema, or as specified in the prescribed course route.

5. Students must complete all required standardized testing at the specified times.

6. Students may repeat no more than one nursing course from any institution. In the event of failure of that repeated course, progression in the program will be denied.

7. Students who drop or withdraw from a nursing course with a grade of “D” or “F” must submit a request for readmission to the nursing program. This application must be submitted to the Academic Policy Committee of the Division of Nursing the semester before the requested re-entry.

8. Students who fail a nursing course with a grade of “D” or “F” are discontinued from the nursing program and must submit a request for readmission to the nursing program. This application must be submitted to the Academic Policy Committee of the Division of Nursing the semester before the requested re-entry.

9. After admission to upper division nursing applicants must submit to the Health Services office a completed health history, a satisfactory physical examination report, the results of a laboratory test for HIV and RPR, and documentation of required immunizations, rubella titers, tuberculosis screening and Hepatitis B vaccine.

10. Any student, admitted to upper division courses in the BSN program, whose GPA drops below a 2.6 will be placed on academic probation.

11. Any student who is on probation (below a 2.6 GPA) in senior year is required to submit registration confirmation details for a recommended NCLEX review package purchased from a review company prior to taking the end of program comprehensive examination.

12. All students are required to pass a “HESI” examination that is linked to one clinically related course each semester of upper division nursing. When a student fails this exam they follow a structured protocol for remediation in preparation for the scheduled re-sit. One re-sit examination is permitted for the HESI examination, following the designated interval of intensive review and support.

13. Students taking re-sit examinations and other resubmission assessments are capped at 75% on their re-sit grade, regardless of the score earned.

14. There is an expectation that students will participate in all the requirements of the BSN/ABS program. These include, but are not limited to: commissioning, pinning, events sponsored by local health care providers, health fairs, community service, Student Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau – Nu Tau Symposia, Faith and Health Division of Nursing Symposia, CE offerings through the DON and other agencies, and other sponsored learning opportunities organized through the DON. These activities are considered to be an essential part of the learning experience of the nursing program and are subject to the usual criteria for class absence.

15. All students are required to pass the end of program comprehensive examination at the specified level before being permitted to graduate from the BSN program. If a student fails this exam they will be required to submit registration confirmation details for a purchased recommended NCLEX review. In addition, they must carry out a scheduled program of review and remediation prior to taking a re-sit examination. The students are only permitted to take one re-sit of the end of program comprehensive examination. Any further re-sit requests are at the discretion of the Division of Nursing Faculty.

16. A student will be permitted to withdraw from a nursing course and be readmitted one time only, subject to standard entry requirements and availability of space.

17. Applicants seeking readmission will be considered on an individual basis. No student is guaranteed readmission into upper division nursing.

18. All LC nursing students must meet professional competency and safety requirements that are delineated in the Division of Nursing Student Policy Manual, and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing rules and regulations for nurses. The benchmarks for unsafe or unprofessional behavior(s) are measured by clinical objectives that are
outlined in the clinical evaluation tool and are explicated in the DON Student Policy Manual. Students who do not meet these benchmarks will be immediately removed from the patient care environment and suspended from all clinical nursing courses pending a full review by the Division of Nursing faculty. Unsafe and unprofessional behaviors will not be permitted in upper division nursing, and the protocols for the review of clinical issues related to unsafe or unprofessional behavior or clinical practice issues are addressed in the Student Policy Manual and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing rules and regulations for nurses. However, if remediation cannot be attained these students may need to be discontinued from the nursing program and assisted with transfer decisions to another major.

19. Journaling in accordance with Galatians 5:22-23 and Biblical character development are assessed elements throughout the nursing program and are integrated throughout course and clinical content.

20. The nursing pinning ceremony is the culmination of the nursing program and is part of the NU 440 Nursing Leadership and Management syllabus. It is a required element of the program and students do need to budget for the purchase of their pin. The distinctive Division of Nursing pins will be ordered during final semester and invoiced directly to each student (approximate cost $60). Students can choose to upgrade their pin to gold and pay a cost differential.

The Division of Nursing reserves the right to make needed changes in curriculum requirements to maintain accreditation.