

NSU DPT Program Grading Policies Found in the CHCS Student Handbook

Grading Policies and Procedure

Grading for physical therapy doctoral students is based on a scale of 0–100 percent. Some courses may be Pass/Fail.

<i>P</i> or Pass	75 percent or above
<i>F</i> or Fail	below 75 percent

Grading for all physical therapy courses is based on an alpha scale as shown.

Alpha Grade	Percent	Scale
A	94–100	4.0
A-	90–93	3.7
B+	87–89	3.3
B	83–86	3.0
B-	80–82	2.7
C+	77–79	2.3
C	75–76	2.0
F	< 74	0.0
P	N/A	0.0

Information regarding the calculation and disposition of a student's final course grade is found in each course syllabus. At midterm, students will receive a midterm memo if the midterm course grade is less than 75 percent (less than C). Students must follow the program policies for responding to the midterm memo and seek assistance from the course instructor and faculty adviser.

A final course grade of less than C in any given course will constitute a course failure. Students who are eligible will take a comprehensive remediation exam for the failed course three to five days after receiving notice of the failure. Following a successful remediation exam, the final grade for that course will be recorded as C(E) to indicate that the course was passed via remediation. Students who fail a course and/or the remediation examination will be sent to the Committee on Student Progress (CSP) and may be dismissed.

While matriculating through the D.P.T. program, each student is permitted to remediate two didactic courses. Since a student who receives a final course grade of *F* in any course is not allowed to progress to the succeeding semester, he or she must successfully remediate the first course failure to be granted the opportunity to remediate a second course failure. **A student will be allowed to sit for only one remediation examination per course.**

Students who fail a clinical experience may be given one opportunity to retake the experience at a time and place determined by the director of Clinical Education (DCE). Students who fail a clinical experience will be sent to the CSP. If a student fails a clinical experience a second time, he or she may be dismissed from the program.

A student who is dismissed based on inadequate academic performance or unprofessional conduct will be required to reapply to the program to be considered for readmission under the admissions standards applicable to the next incoming class.

Incomplete Coursework

Contingent upon approval by the program director, a student who fails to complete all the requirements of a course because of documented medical reasons or extenuating personal circumstances may receive a grade of incomplete (*I*). An incomplete will be changed to an earned grade upon the student's satisfactory completion of the course requirements. A change from an incomplete to an earned grade must occur prior to the end of the next semester or the course grade will be converted to an *F* and the student will be dismissed from the program. Exceptions to this rule may be considered in cases in which the course is not offered the following semester or a medical leave is granted for more than one semester.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled instructional sessions and curricular activities.

Conferences and Community Service Requirements

All D.P.T. students are required to attend district, state, and national conferences or meetings as determined by the program director. In addition, they must participate in service-learning activities organized by the program. Failure to complete these requirements may impact the student's graduation date.

Submission of Assignments

Any assignment submitted after the assignment deadline will be subject to a percentage point deduction off the assignment grade and/or the final class grade as outlined in the course syllabus.

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Academic Progression

For classes that combine both psychomotor practical exams and written exams/assignments, students must obtain minimum of both of the following to pass the class: a 75 percent average on the written exams/assignments and a 75 percent average on the practicals.

If at least a 75 percent is not obtained on both components, this will constitute a course failure, even if the overall course grade is above a 75 percent. If the student does not pass both components with at least a 75 percent, a cumulative remediation written and/or practical examination will be administered. A grade of C (CE) percent will be assigned for courses passed by remediation.

Communication with Faculty Members

Outside of class, the primary modes of communication with faculty members are email and Canvas. Students are responsible for checking and replying to all faculty member communication through email and Canvas on a regular basis (i.e., at least daily). Failure to do so may result in the student being referred to the CSP for unprofessional behavior.