

*Mercer County Community College*  
*Division of Health Professions*  
*Nursing Program*

**Program Dismissal, Suspension, and Expulsion**

Purpose: To align with nursing education and national accreditation standards in regard to program completion best practice.

Procedure:

1. All MCCC Nursing students must complete the program within six semesters of the initial start of the first clinical course. This six semester program completion time frame is inclusive of any course withdrawals, leave of absence and/or course failures. A student may be dismissed from the nursing program if they cannot successfully complete the program within the required six semesters.
2. A student will be dismissed from the nursing program if they are unsuccessful in two nursing courses. This includes failure of the same nursing course twice and/or failure of two different level nursing courses.
3. A student may be dismissed from the nursing program at any time due to repeated and/or serious violations of academic integrity, MCCC code of conduct, or the Nursing Student Standards of Conduct.
4. Suspension is a non-learner status during which a student/learner will not lose previously accrued academic credits but may not continue to participate in any of the Health Professions programs. Students who have been suspended from the College will not be considered for re-admission or initial admission to any of the application based, externally accredited health professions programs.
5. Students, who have been subjected to disciplinary action for violation of the College's policies regarding Academic Integrity, which have resulted in suspension or expulsion by the Mercer County Community College Academic Integrity Committee, are no longer eligible to participate in any of the application based, externally accredited health professions programs.

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