Guidelines for the University of Toledo College of Nursing Pass/No Credit Grade Option for Spring 2020

The Office of the Provost, in a communication to students, outlined a special pass/no credit grade option that is available only during Spring 2020. Please review the information in the following link:  https://www.utoledo.edu/offices/registrar/student_records/special-grades.html

The following information provides guidance for UToldeo students* in the College of Nursing as it relates to this policy. Students should contact their academic advisor to discuss possible advantages or negative implications for selecting the PC/PE/NE grade option.

Undergraduate Students (pre-nursing, BSN pre-licensure students, RN-BSN students)

1) Please wait until the final letter grade has been posted for the course before petitioning for the pass/no credit grade option

2) Complete the form and submit to Kathleen Mitchell kathleen.mitchell@utoledo.edu by May 22, 2020.

3) Students taking NURS (nursing) or Pre-requisite Nursing courses or Core courses as noted below must still achieve a C and above (PC) to satisfactorily completed the course. Students do not need to repeat the course if a PC is earned and the PC will not be calculated into your Grade Point Average (GPA)

Pre-requisites:

- CHEM 1120 - Chemistry for Health Sciences (4) (Prereq: CHEM 1110 or Placement Test)
- EEES 2150 - Biodiversity (4)
- ENGL 1110 - College Composition I (3)
- ENGL 2950 - Scientific & Technical Report Writing (3)
- HEAL 1800 - Medical Terminology (3)
- HEAL 2800 - Principles of Nutrition (3)
- EXSC 2560 – Anatomy & Physiology I (3)
- EXSC 2460 - Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (1)
- EXSC 2570 - Anatomy & Physiology II (3)
- EXSC 2470 - Anatomy & Physiology II Lab (1)
- EXSC 2590 - Microbiology (3)
- MATH 2600 - Statistics (3) (Prereq: MATH 1200 or Placement Test)
- NURS 1000 - Nursing Orientation (1)
• PHIL 3370 - Medical Ethics (3)
• PSY 1010 - Principles of Psychology (3)
• PSY 2510 - Lifespan Psychology (3)

Additional Core courses:
  o Multicultural U.S. Diversity (3)
  o Multicultural Non-U.S. Diversity (3)
  o Social Science (3)
  o Arts and Humanities (6)

4) Request for PE (a letter grade of C-, D+, D or D-) or NE (a letter grade of F) will be considered for approval for elective courses
*BGSU undergraduate nursing students must follow the BGSU policy

Graduate Students (MSN, DNP, and graduate certificates)

1) Please wait until the final letter grade has been posted for the course before petitioning for the pass/no credit grade option.

2) Complete the form and submit to Martha Sexton martha.sexton@utoledo.edu by May 22, 2020.

Request for PC/PE/NE will be considered for approval with the following course categories:
1. Electives
2. Graduate NURS courses where a student has earned a C or less and does not want the grade included in the GPA*
   o *students with a PC/PE/NE grade in a NURS graduate course must retake the course
3. A grade of PC (letter grade of C and above) is acceptable for psychology or social science pre-requisites for the MSN Graduate Entry Program

Request for PC/PE/NE will be denied for the following course categories:
1. NURS (Nursing) courses where the student has earned a letter grade of B or higher
2. Prerequisite Anatomy & Physiology courses required for admission to the MSN Graduate Entry Program (a letter grade of B or higher is required)
Below are some FAQ’s for CON students:

**How will a grade of PC (a letter grade of C and above) affect my application to the nursing major if I opt to take a PC grade?**

If you opt to take the PC (which means that you have earned a letter grade of C or above) and are applying to the nursing major the PC grade will not be calculated into your GPA. If you want the letter grade you earned to be calculated into your GPA you should not elect the PC option.

**Can graduate nursing students exercise the PC/PE/NE option?**

A PC/PE/NE grade does not satisfy the grade requirement for graduate students taking NURS courses. A letter grade of B or higher is required to satisfactorily pass a NURS course. A graduate nursing student with a PC/PE/NE grade will need to repeat the course.

**Can students take pre-requisite courses as PC/PE/NE when applying to graduate nursing or nurse residency programs?**

The University of Toledo College of Nursing Requires a B or higher in anatomy and physiology for candidates applying to the MSN Graduate Entry Program. A PC grade is acceptable for psychology and social science pre-requisites. Currently, many graduate nursing programs require letter grades for specific courses. It is unclear whether PC/PE/NE grades will be accepted by other universities or hospitals. It is also unknown how this could affect nurse residency program acceptance.

**Will PC/PE/NE grades prevent a student from graduating?**

Undergraduate nursing students must achieve a letter grade of C or higher (PC) in the courses required for the BSN degree. A PC grade will not be counted towards your grade point average (GPA). A 2.0 GPA is still required for graduation.

Graduate nursing students must achieve a letter grade of B or higher in the NURS courses required for the MSN degree. A 3.0 grade point average (GPA) is
still required for graduation. A letter grade of C or higher must be achieved in the INDI 6000/8000 course (Biostatistical Methods).

**Will PC/PE/NE grades prevent a student from taking the NCLEX-RN?**

No, as long as you successfully complete your program and the requirements for graduation.

**Can a PC/PE grade be utilized for GPA Recalculation?**

PC/PE grades cannot be utilized for GPA recalculation of a prior earned grade.