

## ACADEMIC AND RETENTION STANDARDS

In order to obtain a graduate degree, a student must have at least a 3.0 (B) cumulative grade point average. If a student's cumulative average drops below a 3.0 in any session, the School of Graduate Studies will advise the student that he/she is on probation. Students on probation must show reasonable progress toward regaining a cumulative 3.0 in subsequent registrations by earning a grade point average higher than 3.0 in each of these registrations. If a student fails to obtain a grade point higher than 3.0 in the first session after being placed on probation, the department may recommend to the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies that the student be removed from the degree program. A department may extend the probation for an additional session if circumstances warrant it. If a student does not regain a 3.0 cumulative by the end of the second session, he/she may be continued only if the department makes a specific request and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies concurs.

In addition to maintaining a satisfactory cumulative grade point average, students in graduate programs will abide by the "specific regulations concerning student conduct" in the Policies and Procedures Relating to Student Rights and Responsibilities. Violation of the regulations may lead to sanctions outlined in section 4 of the Policy and Procedures Relating to Student Rights and Responsibilities. Procedures for carrying out these actions are found outlined in section 4 of the Policies and Procedures Relating to Student Rights Responsibilities.

In clinical programs where students have confidential relationships with clients, violation of confidentiality or other unethical behavior will be considered as a form of "academic dishonesty." Students who behave unethically may have sanctions applied to them as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Relating to Student Rights and Responsibilities.

In addition, departments involved in clinical programs may evaluate students on the basis of their ability to relate successfully with clients. Students who do not meet the professional standards established by departments may be placed on probation, suspended, or dismissed from a program. Procedures for appealing departmental decisions are on file in the various departmental offices and the School of Graduate Studies.

Students removed from a degree program will complete any subsequent work at this University as a Non—Degree student. The student may file an appeal in writing with a review committee at some later date requesting readmission to the same or another degree program. If the committee believes that the student has a reasonable chance of academic success, it may allow him/her to enter a degree program. The review committee will consist of an adviser on the curriculum, the chairperson of the department involved, and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.