Nursing Program Policy Changes – 2015

Nursing Student Handbook Changes (Effective summer 2015):
• 1st Semester Attempts: Students with 2 unsuccessful attempts in any combination of NUR 101, 102, & 103 courses will be withdrawn from their program of study. Withdrawn students may re-apply to the waitlist and re-enroll in their program of study one time.
• Program Length: Once a student begins the clinical portion of the program, the maximum time allowed for completing the AD program is 4 years. The maximum time allowed for completing the PN program is 3 years. Students who are unable to complete all required coursework within the designated time frame will be withdrawn from their respective program.

Entry Requirements (Effective August 15, 2015):
• HESI: Students applying to either nursing program who do not achieve a score of 75 on all required sections of the HESI exam may retake the exam one time in a 12 month period. (Only those sections in which the student did not achieve 75 or higher need to be repeated). Any retake must be scheduled at least 60 days from the date of a previous test.
• GPA Requirements:
  To be eligible for Admission to the Associate Degree Program, students must:
  • Have a HS GPA of 2.5 (or GED equivalent) or a College GPA of at least 2.0 for students with 12 or more college credits. For students with 12 or more college credits, the college GPA will be used, regardless of HS GPA.
  • Students whose GPA, ACT and/or Accuplacer score, place them into MA 098 or below, must meet the requirements for MA 098 with a grade of “C-“ or higher to be eligible to apply to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

To be eligible for Admission to the Practical Nursing Program, students must:
• Have a HS GPA of 2.0 (or GED equivalent) or a College GPA of at least 2.0 for students with 12 or more college credits. For students with 12 or more college credits, the College GPA will be used regardless of HS GPA.

Foundational Courses & Academic Probation/Suspension (Effective fall 2015):
• In order to be eligible for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) or Practical Nursing program, students must have successfully completed any required AFP courses with a grade of at least C- and be in good academic standing. Students will not be accepted to either program until all Foundational/Developmental courses are successfully completed. In addition, students applying to either program must be in good academic standing.
• Any student placed on Academic Suspension while on the waitlist or while enrolled in either nursing program will be immediately withdrawn. Students wishing to pursue nursing after this may re-apply after following GRCC’s academic suspension policy and returning to good academic standing.

General Education Courses (Effective fall 2015):
• A minimum grade of “C” is required in all general education courses that apply to the ADN Program (including Advanced Standing), and a minimum grade of “C-" for the PN Program. General Education courses for students whose Ready Date and Course Completion date is prior to August 15, 2015, will be accepted based on previous program requirements (minimum grade of "C-" in Sciences and passing grade in other General Education courses). To clarify, if you are currently on either waiting list, the general education courses that you completed prior to August 15, 2015, will be accepted according to the policy in which you took them. Regardless of whether you are on the waiting list or not, any general education courses taken after August 15, 2015, will require a minimum grade of "C" to be applicable. Students who are accepted to the wait-list after August 15, 2015, will be required...
to follow the new policy, and thus all general education courses will require a minimum grade of "C", regardless of whether these courses were taken prior to August 15, 2015. Please keep in mind that students in the PN program who wish to continue into the ADN program will need to achieve a minimum grade of "C" in any general education courses they intend to use for the Associate Degree Program (unless they are on the Advanced Standing list prior to August 15, 2015).

**Science Grades (Effective fall 2015):**
- A minimum grade of "C" is required in all science courses that are part of the Associate Degree Nursing curriculum. As above and per the previous policy, a grade of "C-" will be accepted for students who are on the wait-list prior to August 15, 2015. A grade of "C-" will not be accepted for students who are accepted to the wait-list after August 15, 2015, regardless of when the science course was taken.