# PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE NURSING STUDENT ACADEMIC APPEALS

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Professional Graduate Nursing Student Academic Appeals

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Related documents:
ANA Code of Ethics
Bylaws of BOR (chapter 5)
NU Student Code of Conduct
Appendix W Professional Graduate
Nursing Program Academic Appeals

### **Purpose**

The College of Nursing (CON) is committed to providing all students with a learning environment that is safe, inclusive, and supportive of academic success. Students have the right to appeal academic evaluations in cases in which a student can provide evidence the academic evaluation was prejudiced or capricious.

#### Scope

This policy applies to professional graduate students.

#### **Policy**

In accordance with the ANA Code of Ethics, Chapter 5 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents and the NU Code of Conduct and in order to ensure the protection of students' rights, the CON has established procedures which must be followed for appeals of academic evaluations.

#### **Academic Appeals**

Student grade appeals shall be carried out according to the procedures delineated in Appendix W Professional Graduate Nursing Program Academic Appeals.

The college in which a particular course is offered shall have jurisdiction of all appeals by students whose appeal concerns a grade or academic evaluation involving that course. In matters involving a dual-listed course, the college granting admission to the course shall handle any appeal.

An ad-hoc committee will be formed to hear the appeal. In any matter involving an appeal by a student, neither the dean of the college nor the instructor whose grade or evaluation is being questioned nor the assistant dean of the division involved shall serve on the ad-hoc committee handling the appeal.

A nursing student whose grade is under appeal shall be allowed to continue nonclinical academic activities until a decision is made. A student shall be allowed to continue clinical activities in courses which do not have the failed course as a prerequisite.