

The School of Nursing (SON) offers professional programs preparing students for the licensure exam to practice nursing safely in varied healthcare environments. For this reason, the SON must maintain rigorous admission and progression standards to comply with accreditation requirements and prepare graduates for the NCLEX-RN examination and graduate certification exams in their specific advanced practice roles. Therefore, although the university has approved a Credit/Non-Credit (CR/NCR) grading option, **admission and progression requirements for all programs in the SON will remain unchanged.**

Please carefully review the following excerpt from the Chancellor's statement to the university:

Instructors will post all Fall 2020 letter grades as originally scheduled, per the academic calendar. Students who believe there is an error in the grade may appeal the grade as usual. If students are otherwise satisfied with their grades, nothing more needs to be done. Students who wish to change any/all of their grades to a CR/NCR will file a request to change the grade with the Registrar's Office (registrar@astate.edu). **All such requests will be approved and will be final. Grades of CR/NCR will not affect GPA, but may affect things like scholarships, progression in course sequencing, and entry into graduate or professional school.** *So, students are strongly encouraged to think carefully about their decision and to talk with their adviser before requesting a grade change.* The opportunity to exercise the CR/NCR option will be available January 4th - 15th, 2021. Honorifics like Chancellor's List, Dean's List, and Latin Honors will be based on the original letter grades.

Before you make a decision pertaining to grades, please consider that if you choose the CR/NCR option in any course, you will be ineligible for admission and progression in all SON programs.

1. A minimum letter grade of “C” in each course required for undergraduate degrees in the SON must be maintained for admission and progression in all programs. Grades must be verified on an official transcript. Course requirements for each degree option are located in the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin pages 311-312 and 355-369 (note that program degree requirements are subject to change).
2. A minimum letter grade of “B” in each course required for graduate degrees in the SON must be maintained for admission and progression in all programs. Grades must be verified on an official transcript. Course requirements for each degree option are located in the 2020-2021 Graduate Bulletin pages 236-250 (note that program degree requirements are subject to change).
3. **Any degree required course designated CR/NCR is considered incomplete.**