SON OP 40.471: Grade Calculation for all Courses

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Grade Calculation for all Courses policy is to detail the standard grading scale for all courses and to describe grading of both the didactic and clinical portion of courses.

REVIEW: All policies in the Graduate Program Manual shall be reviewed by the Graduate Program Associate Dean/Department Chairs by December 1 of even numbered years in collaboration with the Graduate Program Council. Final approval of the Graduate Program Manual is by the Dean.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1.0 Policy

Grading policies for courses and each individual assignment must be clearly delineated in each syllabus. The grading scale for the School of Nursing Graduate Program is:

- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 70 – 79 = C
- 60 – 69 = D
- < 60 = F

2.0 Procedure

1. In order to pass a course, the average of all exams and/or other course assignments must equal 80% or greater.
2. For courses with a clinical component, the student must pass the clinical portion of the course in order to pass the course regardless of scores earned on exams or additional assignments. An unsatisfactory or failing clinical performance will result in a final course grade of F, regardless of the didactic grade.
3. The final course grade shall accurately reflect the grade earned according to course grading criteria. At the discretion of the faculty, grades may be rounded using classic rounding rules, (for example, a grade of 89.5 equals A, whereas a grade of 89.4 equals B). Rounding of individual items should not be done. Rather, if rounding is done, it should be done for the final course grade only.