The purpose of the School of Nursing Grade Scale for all Courses Operating Policy and Procedure (SON OP) is to ensure that grading policies for courses and each individual assignment is clearly delineated in each syllabus. Grades are a valid measure of student achievement of both didactic and clinical learning. Grades should be used to provide feedback to both the student and the faculty of the effectiveness of that learning and assist in determining methods for improvement.

The OP will be reviewed biennially by September 1 of each even numbered year (ENY) by the applicable Associate Dean/Department Chair, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

The grade scale for the School of Nursing Accelerated BSN and Traditional BSN programs is:

- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 75 – 79 = C
- 60 – 74 = D
- < 60 = F

The grade scale for the School of Nursing RN-BSN Program is:

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

1. In order to pass a course, the weighted average of all proctored exams including the final must equal 75% or greater.
2. For RN to BSN courses, the weighted average of all written assignments and exams will be calculated for the final course grade.
3. In courses where additional requirements are a weighted portion of the grade, the additional course requirements will only be calculated as part of the final course grade if the average of all proctored exams including the final is 75% or greater.
4. For Accelerated BSN and Traditional BSN courses with a clinical component, the clinical portion is graded as follows:
   a. A clinical evaluation instrument will be used to determine the grade. The student must earn a 75% or greater on the clinical evaluation instrument to pass the course.
5. The final course grade shall accurately reflect the grade earned according to course grading criteria. At the discretion of the faculty, exam grade averages and the final course grade may be rounded using classic rounding rules (2 decimal spaces). For example, a grade of 89.45 rounds to 89.5 and equals A, whereas a grade of 89.44 equals B. Rounding of individual items should not be done. Rather, if rounding is done, it should be done for the exam grade average and final course grade only.