

Dismissal from the Program

In the unlikely and unfortunate event that the Nursing Department faculty determine that a student's performance merits dismissal from the program, the department chair shall communicate this information to the student. This information will be communicated in writing. The department chair will request a meeting with the student.

Students can be dismissed from the program for one of three reasons:

- failure to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all nursing courses required for the major,
- failure to conform to safe nursing practices, or
- failure to attend a significant number of clinical experiences as determined by the course faculty or department.

If the dismissal results from the student's failure to maintain the minimum GPA of 2.0 in all nursing courses required for the major, the student will be emailed a spreadsheet that lists the courses taken, credits earned, and recorded grades.

If the dismissal results from the student's failure to conform to safe nursing practices as emphasized in the clinical experience the student will be given a summary of the St. Olaf Nursing Incident Reports that contribute to, and result in this decision.

If the dismissal results from a student's failure to attend a sufficient number of clinical experiences as determined by the course instructor and, if necessary in consultation with Center for Advising and Academic Support, the student will be given a record of clinical attendance and absences.

The student's class dean (Dean of Students Office) will be notified of a decision to dismiss a student from the program. The department will use the College's Continuous Reporting System to alert student class deans (Dean of Students Office) should a student's progress place them in jeopardy to continue in the major.