

GRADING POLICY MASTER'S PROGRAM CLASS OF 2019 ONLY (RETIRED)

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ACADEMIC GRADES

Advancement of each student to the next quarter is made by the Progressions Committee, with faculty recommendation, at the end of each quarter. Each advancing student will receive a transcript reflecting academic and clinical progress, with current and cumulative GPAs, by the end of the month preceding the end of each quarter.

The MTSA Grading Scale is based on the following 4.0 grading system:

A =	90-100%	(4.0 Quality Points)
B =	80-89%	(3.0 Quality Points)
C =	70-79%	(2.0 Quality Points)
F =	Below 70%	(0.0 - Failing)

(There is no grade of "D" in the program)

During the First Quarter Orientation, courses are considered minimal competencies that need to be displayed prior to entering the clinical environment. Earning a grade of less than 80% (B) in any First Quarter Orientation course will lead to dismissal from the program.

After the first quarter, MTSA expects that all graduate level coursework should result in a minimum earned grade of "B". The first earned grade between 70-79% (C) will require a scheduled meeting with the Program Administrator to discuss the student's performance. A grade of "C" will also lead to an automatic academic probation and an appearance before the Progressions Committee. The second earned "C" in a course will result in dismissal from the program.

MTSA requires students to maintain a minimum overall academic cumulative GPA of 3.0 for both graduation and good academic standing. A student who falls below an academic cumulative GPA of 3.0 will be placed on academic/clinical probation. The student will have one (1) quarter to improve the academic cumulative GPA to 3.0 or greater to be removed from probation. If the student fails to improve his or her GPA to 3.0 or greater during the following quarter, they will be dismissed from the program.

Students who are placed on any type of probation more than two (2) times will be dismissed from the program. An active vote to carry probation over to another quarter will count as an additional probation. Students will automatically be dismissed from the program for receiving a failing course grade in any course. Failing is defined as any grade below 70%.

Students have the right to appeal decisions of the Progressions Committee by filing a grade appeal with the Appeals Committee.

CLINICAL GRADES

Clinical grades are recorded from each of the MTSA approved Clinical Coordinators. The grade for each quarter is an average of all of the grades from the clinical sites attended for that quarter (exception: Nationwide Children's Hospital (Columbus, Ohio) has an MTSA approved clinical grading system).

MTSA requires completion of 75% of student daily clinical evaluations (as described in MTSA Clinical Standards). Failure to submit at least 75% will result in a 5-point deduction from the final clinical grade.

A =	90-100%	
B =	80-89%	
C =	70-79%	Meet with Program Administrator / Clinical Probation
F =	Below 70%	Clinical Probation / possible dismissal

Any student who earns a C for a **single clinical rotation OR quarter clinical grade** will be required to meet with the Program Administrator for a review of student clinical evaluations and grade, determination of a remediation plan, and/or being placed on Clinical Probation. The student will also be referred to Progressions Committee for further review. The length of the remediation plan and/or probation will be determined by the Progressions Committee.

Any **failure** of a clinical rotation will be reviewed by the Program Administrator and Progressions Committee for a review of student clinical evaluations and grade, and determination of a remediation plan or up to and including dismissal from the program. If the student remains in the program, any failed clinical rotation will be repeated and must be successfully completed (grade of B or greater) prior to graduation.

NOTICE OF PLACEMENT ON ACADEMIC/CLINICAL PROBATION

If it is deemed by the Progressions Council that the student will be probation due to clinical or academic issues, the student will be notified in the following ways:

The student will have a face-to-face meeting with the Program Administrator or Vice President of Academics;

An e-mail with "read-receipt" will be sent to the student's @mtsa.edu e-mail address documenting the probation decision

A certified letter will be sent with the decision through the United States Postal Service to the current address that the student has on file.

Additional Transcript Symbols:

*	Course scheduled to start in one quarter and finish in another quarter
GS	Good standing in clinical performance

I	Incomplete - may be given if an instructor or a student is unable to complete a course in one quarter and must complete the course at a later time. This requires special permission from the Program Administrator. Any incomplete on the transcript must be completed before graduation. No student may graduate with an Incomplete on the transcript
Prob/C	Probation due to unsatisfactory Clinical Performance
Prob/A	Probation due to unsatisfactory Academic Performance
Prob/O	Probation due to Other Considerations
S	Suspension - Involuntary withdrawal from the Academic and/or Clinical program for a period determined by the School
T	Terminated - Involuntary withdrawal from the School indefinitely
W	Withdrew
WP	Withdrew Passing
WF	Withdrew Failing