

READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES POLICY NO. 311

SUBJECT: Promotion and Graduation

Responsibility of: RSHS Program Directors
Revised: June 2020 Reviewed: June 2020

SCOPE: Students enrolled at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences (RSHS).

PURPOSE: To provide guidance to the student regarding Promotion and Graduation

POLICY: The student's progress throughout the curriculum will be based on the quality of academic and clinical performance.

DEFINITIONS:

Program Completion Date: The date when a student has completed all course and program requirements.

Program Exit Date: The date when a student has completed all course and program requirements, as well as all responsibilities for graduation from the program as defined below. Student is now eligible to be changed from student to graduate status, and is considered a graduate and alumnus of RSHS.

Graduation Date: Date of RSHS ceremony celebrating a cohort of students' completion of a program and fulfillment of all graduation requirements. RSHS programs celebrate graduation once per year.

- End of Spring Semester (DMS, NRS, MI, ST)
- June CLS
- June/July Paramedic

PROCEDURE:

Promotion:

In order to progress through the curriculum, a student must complete all courses, having achieved:

- A minimum academic grade as per grading policy # 305
- A satisfactory(S) rating on the summative clinical performance evaluation (if the course has clinical components)
- A satisfactory score for all standardized tests for each course as defined by the course/program
- Satisfactory completion of all course requirements (described in the course syllabus).
- Requirements noted in program handbooks and policies.

Students are permitted to change tracks only during the first three weeks of a semester or between semester (and only if class enrollment space is available).

The faculty reserves the right to terminate a student at any time whose health, scholarship, clinical performance or conduct does not meet the required standards.

Graduation:

To achieve graduate status from the program the following requirements must be met:

- Successful completion of all required courses in the curriculum.
- Requirements noted in program handbooks and policies.
- Fulfillment of all financial obligations (zero account balance, parking fines, etc.)
- Completion of an exit interview with financial aid if applicable
- Completion of all administrative requests
- Return of all school issued items including, but not limited to:

Resident key
Mailbox key
ID badge
Audience response “clicker”
All school, library, or hospital property

Attendance at graduation ceremony: Students who have not met all academic and clinical requirements of a course, or who have been awarded an “Incomplete” in a course will not be permitted to attend the graduation ceremony, nor receive a diploma, until all courses and other obligations as described in this policy have been successfully completed.

Acceptance into and/or graduation from an educational program is not a guarantee of licensure, certification or employment. Licensing and certifying agencies have specific guidelines such as but not limited to academic, conduct and personal, which must be met by the graduate. RSHS will not be held responsible for personal information or licensing/certification disqualifiers or failures which may impede the graduate’s attempts to become licensed, certified or employed.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING: NA

REFERENCES: NA

COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL APPROVALS: SHS Director’s Meeting (June 2020)

CANCELLATION: Reading Hospital/Tower Health policies directly related to this topic shall supersede this RSHS policy. This policy supersedes all previous policies, memoranda, and/or other communications pertaining to this policy.