

**ACADEMIC STANDING POLICY
DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE PROGRAM
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27**

This policy is effective for all students in the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program (herein referred to as “program”). Students must achieve the academic standards of both Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Minimum Retention Standards and the OUHSC College of Pharmacy Academic Standing Policy.

Section 1. Terminology

Academic Probation

Academic probation is defined as an official warning for failure to make satisfactory progress toward completing program academic requirements. This includes earning a D or lower in a course or achieving PGPA or SGPA ≤ 2.00 in core coursework. Probation is noted on the student’s official transcript.

Continued Probation

Continued academic probation is the status given to students who are still eligible to be enrolled after being placed on academic probation as they progress toward remediation (e.g. fall semester academic probation students who are still eligible for remediation at the conclusion of the spring semester).

Dismissal

Dismissal is defined as permanent expulsion from the program.¹

Academic Year

The P1 year begins with the fall semester and continues through the subsequent summer term. The P2 year begins with a 2-week IPPE block immediately prior to the start of the fall semester and continues through the subsequent spring semester.

The P3 year begins with the summer semester on the first Monday immediately after the P2 spring semester ends and continues through the subsequent spring semester.

The P4 year begins with the summer semester on June 1st immediately following the P3 spring semester and continues through April 30th of the subsequent spring semester.

Satisfactory Grade

A satisfactory grade is defined as a C or better in graded courses and an S in pass/fail courses.

Unsatisfactory grade

An unsatisfactory grade is defined as a D, F or U.

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)

Grade point average earned in Doctor of Pharmacy coursework during a single semester.

Professional Grade Point Average (PGPA)

Cumulative grade point average earned for all Doctor of Pharmacy coursework.

¹ Any reference to “dismissal” is an academic dismissal

Grade of Incomplete

An "I" (incomplete) received following the close of a semester or summer term is a temporary grade issued when a student, for reasons satisfactory to the instructor, is unable to complete certain requirements of the course by the end of the semester or summer term. No student who is failing a course when grades are awarded may receive an "I." All courses receiving an "I" must be completed and a permanent grade issued prior to progressing to the next semester of coursework. Any student receiving an "I" should contact the instructor no later than ten (10) university business days following publication of the grade to determine what the instructor will require to complete the course. The instructor will set a time limit for completion. The time allowed may in no instance exceed one calendar year. If after one calendar year no change in grade has been submitted, the grade of "I" will become permanent on the student's official university transcript. Only after a grade of "I" has become permanent on the student's official university transcript may a student be eligible to repeat the course if the student meets eligibility to remain enrolled in the College.

NOTE: The exception to this policy may apply when a student is issued an Incomplete in PHAR 7022 (Hospital Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (Hospital IPPE)) during the summer term, in which the student may progress to the P3 fall semester and complete outstanding hospital IPPE hours during intermission sessions within the academic year. All hospital IPPE hours must be completed, and a final grade change issued for the Incomplete grade, before the student may progress to the P4 year.

Remediation

Remediation is defined as a course of study specifically designed to offer students who have received an unsatisfactory grade in a core didactic course an opportunity to demonstrate competence in a defined area of knowledge/skills. Students will re-enroll in the course and pay associated tuition/fees. They will receive and must sign a remediation action plan from the course coordinator outlining requirements to pass the course.

Pharmacy Curriculum

The Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum is comprised of didactic core courses, elective courses, and experiential activities.

Core Course

Core courses are defined as individual components of the prescriptive coursework that must be completed with satisfactory grades to graduate from the program.

Elective Course

Nine hours of approved elective courses must be completed with satisfactory grades by the end of the spring semester of the P3 year to progress to the P4 year. Elective courses are chosen by the student from a list of approved options.

Section 2. Policy Regarding Unsatisfactory Grades in Core Courses

Academic Probation

A student will be placed on academic probation for either of the following:

1. An unsatisfactory grade in a core course
2. A PGPA or SGPA $\leq$ 2.00 in core coursework

Probation Requirements

1. Remediation of courses in which an unsatisfactory grade was earned
2. A maximum of 10 credit hours of courses can be remediated in the summer.
3. A student must have ≥ 2.00 PGPA at the conclusion of an academic year to progress to the next professional year
4. Students may not take elective courses while remediating core courses.

Removal from Probation

1. Achievement of a satisfactory grade in remediated course(s)
2. A student who fails to achieve a satisfactory grade in remediation in the required time period will be dismissed from the College of Pharmacy.

Section 3. Remediation Policy

1. All core courses will have a remedial course of study.
2. Core courses may only be remediated once.
3. The faculty coordinator of the core course will determine the method of remediation.
4. Remediation will occur only during the summer term.
5. After completion of the spring semester, students will be contacted by the course coordinator to review their remediation action plan, which will outline the requirements to pass the course and must be signed by the student.
6. In order to progress to the next academic year, a student must complete remediation with a satisfactory grade by the end of the summer term within the same academic year the unsatisfactory grade was earned in the core course. Specific dates regarding the beginning and end of the summer term will be followed according to the OUHSC academic calendar.
7. A PGPA of at least 2.00 must be achieved at the end of remediation.
8. A student who fails to achieve a satisfactory grade in remediation will be dismissed from the program.
9. The maximum letter grade a student can earn in remediation is a grade of C.
10. Upon satisfactory completion of remediation, the original failing grade of the core course will be changed to a letter grade of C with a notation on the student's official university transcript the failing grade was remediated. The grade of C will be used in calculating all subsequent grade point averages. If a student fails to achieve a satisfactory grade in remediation, the original failing grade of the core course remains the permanent grade on the student's official university transcript.
11. A maximum of 10 credit hours can be remediated in the summer.
12. Students who are remediating may not take concurrent on or off campus elective courses.
13. Remediation of P4 core experiential courses will require repetition of the full experiential course.
14. Failing a required APPE examination will result in repeating that APPE.
15. Remediation of P4 elective experiential courses will be determined individually by the Director of Experiential Education in conjunction with the preceptor(s) by assessing student performance in the course, taking into consideration factors impacting student performance including information provided from any psychosocial and/or cognitive assessments received.
16. Students who are remediating P4 experiential course(s) will be responsible for all related expenses.

Academic Dismissal

A student will be dismissed from the program for any of the following:

1. A PGPA or SGPA of 1.11 or less at any time in the program
2. A student who has accumulated greater than 10 credit hours of unsatisfactory grades in core courses in an academic year
3. A student who fails to achieve a satisfactory grade in remediation of a course
4. Inability to complete the program within five years of the date of initial enrollment into the College of Pharmacy. Students who need to take a medical leave of absence may take an additional year to complete the program.

Completion of Didactic Curriculum

A PGPA $\geq$ 2.00 and satisfactory grades in all core didactic courses and nine hours of elective courses is required to enroll in P4 practicums.

Student Appeals

Appeals of an academic evaluation in a course or of an academic program-related decision (e.g. dismissal) are processed in accordance with the University of Oklahoma Health Campus Academic Appeals Policy and Procedures found in the HSC Faculty Handbook, Appendix C.

Section 3. Policy Regarding Unsatisfactory Grades in P4 Experiential Courses

1. Probation

A student will be placed on probation if:

1. A student who receives one unsatisfactory grade in an experiential course during the P4 professional year will be placed on academic probation.
2. Upon receipt of any unsatisfactory grade in an experiential course, progression in the professional program may be halted and depending on facts and circumstances the student may be required to undergo psychosocial and/or cognitive assessment prior to determination of an appropriate course of action to move forward in the professional program.
3. Upon receipt of two unsatisfactory grades in different experiential courses, progression will be halted and the student may be required to undergo psychosocial and/or cognitive assessment prior to determining an appropriate course of action to move forward in the professional program.

2. Dismissal

A student will be dismissed if:

1. A student does not successfully remediate an experiential course.
2. A student receives two unsatisfactory grades in the same experiential course.
3. A student receives three unsatisfactory grades in any experiential course.
4. Inability to complete the program within five years of the date of initial enrollment into the College of Pharmacy. Students who need to take a medical leave of absence may take an additional year to complete the program.

3. Experiential Performance Review and Assessment

1. To expedite review of unsatisfactory performance in P-4 experiential courses, performance and progress will be assessed by the Professional Programs Dean.
2. Unsatisfactory performances will be assessed within one week of receiving notification of an unsatisfactory grade.

4. Student Appeals for Experiential Rotations

Appeals of an academic evaluation in a course or of an academic program-related decision (dismissal) are processed in accordance with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Academic Appeals Policy and Procedures found in the HSC Faculty Handbook, Appendix C.