

## SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY PRE-NURSING ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

**Students interested in applying to the traditional nursing program are identified as pre-nursing students for clear advisement purposes, as they prepare to apply to the major. Those who fail to meet the minimum nursing application requirements no longer qualify for pre-nursing advisement. Students are well prepared with resources, information and options to explore, prior to the end of their first 24 credits. The information below provides clarification on what will occur if a student no longer qualifies for pre-nursing advisement.**

- Pre-nursing students who do not maintain a minimum 2.0 CUM SCSU GPA at any point will:
  - Receive notification from the School of Health and Human Services Dean's Office that their major will be changed to *undeclared*. This change is to ensure proper advisement is provided to assist students back to Satisfactory Academic Progress.
  
- Pre-nursing students who do not maintain a minimum 3.0 CUM GPA after completing a minimum of 24 college credits will:
  - Be invited to schedule an advisement appointment during intersessions to discuss alternative options, next steps, and the possibility of adjusting their course schedules prior to each semester.
  - Receive notification from the School of Health and Human Services Dean's Office about being switched to *undeclared* (for those students who are still identified as pre-nursing students) before advisement begins for the following semester.
  
- If a student becomes eligible to apply to the nursing program after they have moved out of the pre-nursing advisement track, they may apply to the program with the understanding that it is at their discretion. The pre-nursing component of the nursing curriculum is intended to be completed within 2 years full-time. Any additional time would be spent on retaking courses and/or taking courses that do not apply to the nursing program requirements.
  
- If at any point a student has received 3 or more grades lower than a C+ in any of the 11 nursing prerequisite courses, even if repeated for a grade of an A, the student is ineligible to apply to the traditional BSN program (or the ACE BSN program at Southern) and will no longer be eligible for pre-nursing advisement.
  
- Students are eligible to switch back into pre-nursing advisement if their CUM SCSU GPA reaches a 3.3. \*Please note that there is still no guarantee of acceptance to the nursing program. The average GPA for those who have recently been admitted to the traditional BSN program has been higher than a 3.3.
  
- Transfer students are responsible for calculating their own CUM GPA to know their true CUM GPA and application eligibility status. Visit [www.southernct.edu/prenursing](http://www.southernct.edu/prenursing) for instructions on using the GPA calculator.  
\*Pre-nursing eligibility requirements also apply to incoming transfer students.