Proposed by: Regan Fantry

Program / Office: Graduate School

Policy will go into effect: Fall 2011

Indicate whether or not this is a new policy or a policy change

☐ New Policy Description:

Justification:

Relationship to the College of Charleston Strategic Plan and to the strategic plan of the Graduate School:

☐ Policy Change: Clarification of “U” grades in relation to dismissal and probation policies for the Graduate School

• Present Policy: Current policy is silent on “U” grades

• Proposed Change: “U” grades will result in dismissal for all programs but MAT. For MAT programs, a student that receives a grade of U for clinical internship will have a letter in his/her file that indicates whether or not he/she can attempt clinical internship a second time. If the student is not allowed to attempt clinical internship a second time, he/she cannot graduate (no degree earned) from the MAT program. The student will also not receive a recommendation to the State Department of Education for certification.

Justification: Clarification on how to handle students that earn “U” grades in thesis, internship, and clinical hours that are required for degree completion.

Relationship to the College of Charleston Strategic Plan and to the strategic plan of the Graduate School: Creation of more cohesive and clearly stated policy.

August 2010
Signature of Chair of the Faculty Committee on Graduate and Continuing Education

_____________________________ Date: ____________
Amy Thompson McCandless

Signature of Chair of Graduate Council: ____________________________ Date: 3/23/11

Signature of the Faculty Secretary: ____________________________ Date: ____________

August 2010
Purpose: To clarify practices and policy of the Graduate School in relation to the dismissal or probation of students who have earned a grade of "U- Unsatisfactory" in thesis, research, internship, or MAT Clinical Practice enrollment.

Because a grade of "unsatisfactory" is considered to be a failing grade and unsatisfactory completion of a program requirement, should a student earn a grade of “U” in a thesis, research, or internship class, the student will be dismissed according to the policies set forth in the Graduate Catalog (add link). A student would have the right to appeal the decision to the Dean of the Graduate School, and re-apply to the program after one calendar year.

For MAT students who earn a grade of “unsatisfactory” in Clinical Practice, a letter will be placed in the student’s file that indicates whether or not the student can attempt clinical internship a second time. If the student is not allowed to attempt clinical internship a second time, the student will be removed from the degree program, and will not earn a degree from the MAT program. The student will also not receive a recommendation to the State Department of Education for certification.

From the AY 10-11 Graduate School Catalog:

**Academic Dismissal**

Maintaining an adequate GPA is only one criterion for satisfactory academic progress. Students receiving three grades below the grade of "B" or one grade of "F" in their programs will be withdrawn from the Graduate School and will not be allowed to reapply to their programs or to enroll in any graduate coursework counting toward any graduate degree or graduate certificate at the College of Charleston for one calendar year.

Other criteria such as progress toward completing a thesis or requests for extensions of a program of study, etc., may be established by individual programs. Students who fail to meet the standards of their programs for satisfactory academic progress may be withdrawn from their programs.
Appeals

Students who have been removed from their graduate programs because of failure to resolve GPA or satisfactory progress issues may appeal these decisions in writing to the dean of the Graduate School. Written appeals should contain all information pertinent to the issues with special circumstances clearly outlined. The graduate dean in consultation with the program directors will decide on appeals and will inform students of decisions. Decisions of the dean are final.