

# WVU BSRT Programmatic Progression, Probation, and Dismissal Policies and Procedures

WVU and the WVU BSRT Program provides all students with clear guidelines regarding student progression at the university and in the BSRT program. To articulate the requirements for student progression in the program, the BSRT program has created the **WVU BSRT Programmatic Student Progression Policy, Programmatic Probation, and Programmatic Dismissal Policies and Procedures**. Please find below the details of these student progression policies.

## Programmatic Student Progression Policy

Prior to enrolling in the professional phase of the program, and throughout their enrollment, students must comply with all current clinical education requirements.

Additionally, once enrolled in the professional phase of the program, students must meet the following requirements to maintain satisfactory programmatic academic progression in the WVU BSRT program:

1. Complete all required RT courses in the sequence mandated by the program;
2. Obtain a minimum final course grade of “C” or higher in all respiratory therapy courses (RT course designations 300 and above);

AND

3. Obtain a minimal overall GPA of 2.0 or higher at the conclusion of each academic semester.

In the event a BSRT student does not meet the above-mentioned criteria, or withdraws from an RT course, the following programmatic probation and dismissal policies and actions apply.

## Probation and Dismissal Policies and Procedures

### 1. Programmatic probation: for unsatisfactory course grade in a single RT course

All respiratory therapy students will be required to obtain a final course grade of “C” or higher in all respiratory therapy courses. Should a student attempt and be unsuccessful in achieving a “C” or higher final grade in a single RT course the student will be placed on programmatic probation for unsatisfactory course grade for a single RT course. This results in loss of the student’s cohort seat and halts the student’s progression forward in the program. Students that are on programmatic probation are able to take non-

respiratory therapy courses while waiting for an opportunity to retake the respiratory course.

Should a student retake a RT course and successfully obtain a course grade of “C” or higher, the student will be removed from programmatic probation for unsatisfactory course grade for a single RT course, however readmission into the next cohort is not guaranteed and can only be offered if there is an open seat available.

**2. Programmatic dismissal: for unsatisfactory course grade in two or more RT courses**

Should a student not receive at least the minimum final course grade of “C” or higher in two respiratory therapy courses (either in the same semester or different semesters), the student will be dismissed from the respiratory therapy program (but not WVU) and will be ineligible to reapply for admission into the program.

**3. Programmatic probation: for unsatisfactory achievement of minimum overall 2.0 GPA**

In addition to the final course grade requirements noted above, students must also maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher while enrolled in the professional phase of the respiratory therapy program. Should a student (within the professional phase of the respiratory therapy program) obtain an end of semester GPA that is below the 2.0 requirement, the student will be placed on programmatic probation for unsatisfactory achievement of minimum overall 2.0 GPA but allowed to continue in RT courses during the next scheduled semester to provide an opportunity to increase their overall GPA. Students that are on programmatic probation for unsatisfactory achievement of minimum overall 2.0 GPA have one semester to improve the GPA to above 2.0 or higher. If the student on programmatic probation for unsatisfactory GPA has attempted a complete semester and still obtains a GPA below 2.0 they will be dismissed from the BSRT program (as reflected in the programmatic dismissal: for unsatisfactory achievement of minimum overall 2.0 GPA requirement) but not WVU.

**4. Programmatic dismissal: for unsatisfactory achievement of minimum overall 2.0 GPA**

Students that are currently on programmatic probation for unsatisfactory achievement of minimum overall 2.0 GPA have one semester to improve their GPA to above 2.0. Should a student on programmatic probation for unsatisfactory achievement of minimum overall 2.0 GPA not obtain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher after one semester, the student will be dismissed from the BSRT program (but not WVU) and will be ineligible to reapply for admission into the program.

(Please note that RT 191 is a 1-credit university orientation course and considered a general education course. Therefore, it does not count as a core respiratory therapy course and does not count toward this policy).

**5. Programmatic probation: for withdrawal from one or more RT courses**

In the event that a student enrolled in the WVU BSRT program withdraws from an RT course(s) the student will be placed on programmatic probation for withdrawal from an RT course(s). This results in loss of the student's cohort seat and halts the student's progression forward in the program. Students that are on programmatic probation are able to take non-respiratory therapy courses while waiting for an opportunity to retake the respiratory course.

A student who has completed the proper procedure for withdrawal from an RT course may apply for consideration to be removed from programmatic probation for withdrawal from an RT course(s), however readmission into the next cohort is not guaranteed and can only be offered if there is an open seat available.

**6. Programmatic dismissal: for withdrawal from one or more RT courses**

Should a student fail to reapply for consideration to be removed from programmatic probation for withdrawal from an RT course(s) within two academic years of the date of probation, or if there is insufficient room in either of the next two cohorts, the student will be dismissed from the respiratory therapy program (but not WVU) and will be ineligible to reapply for admission into the program.

**7. Programmatic dismissal: for failure to comply with clinical education requirements**

Prior to entering the professional phase of the WVU BSRT program, including coursework and clinicals, students must complete all components of the current Professional Phase BSRT checklist, as published on the Respiratory Therapy website. The checklist must be submitted with all documentation required on the form at least 30 days prior to the beginning of professional phase coursework. Should a student fail to submit the required documentation within this time frame, the student will be subject to dismissal for failure to comply with clinical education requirements.

All students who have completed their clinical education requirements and matriculated in the professional phase must maintain a valid, active, and updated student health form, student immunizations, and current clearances as required for the program. Should a student be found to be out of compliance in these areas, the student will be removed from all clinical courses (if applicable) and will be given 5 days to be in compliance. If a student is unable to meet the compliance requirements after 5 days, they will be subject to dismissal for failure to comply with clinical education requirements.

Unlike dismissals for reasons indicated in clauses 2, 4, and 6 above, students dismissed for failure to comply with clinical education requirements may reapply for readmission to the next cohort, assuming that they have completed all required components of the professional phase checklist within the timelines indicated above. Readmission is not guaranteed and will only be offered if seats are available in the cohort.

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