

# GLOSSARY OF COLLEGE TERMS



*This catalog is a resource document containing information about program requirements and other College policies for which a student is ultimately responsible. It also contains information about the academic, student and community services the college offers.*

*This section defines many college terms that will help a student gain understanding of the information within this catalog.*

**Academic Dismissal:** A student who is dismissed is no longer matriculated and, in addition, may not register for any credit courses at the college until reaccepted. Refer to Policies and Procedures.

**Academic Probation:** A student will be placed on academic probation at the end of a semester in which the student's grade point average falls below that which is required according to the probation policy. Refer to Policies and Procedures.

**Articulation Agreement:** A formal agreement between St. Elizabeth College of Nursing and a baccalaureate degree granting institution. These agreements are established for specific academic programs and assure transfer with junior standing upon completion of appropriate coursework and achievement of a minimum grade average.

**Associate Degree:** A title conferred on a student signifying completion of a two-year curriculum/program comprised of sixty or more credits. For additional information refer to Policies and Procedures.

**Attendance:** Attendance in class and clinical is necessary for successful completion of a course of study. To understand the college's policy on attendance, refer to Policies and Procedures.

**Attrition Rate:** those students who leave the program after the official start date of classes.

**Academic attrition:** those students who leave the program due to academic reasons: nursing course failure and/or a cumulative GPA below 1.800 or failure to comply with academic progression policies.

**Nonacademic attrition:** those students who leave the program for personal reasons (health, change in career goals, etc.)

**Cohort group:** those students entering the nursing sequence of courses for the first time, even if they are exempt from first semester nursing courses. This group excludes those students who are returning to the program for whatever reason (prior academic or nonacademic dismissal).

**Contact Hours:** The total hours of class, lab and clinical required per week in a course.

**Corequisite:** Any course that is normally taken during the same semester as the course that specifies the corequisite. This may vary with the evening/weekend college format (see evening/weekend plan).

**Course Description:** Tells the student what is taught in the course, what the objectives are, and what one should be able to do upon completion. It also describes the required classroom hours, lab hours, clinical hours, credit hours, and indicates if a prerequisite/corequisite is needed.

**Course Load Status:** Regardless of matriculation status, a student who carries 12 or more credits during the fall or spring semester is considered a full-time student. Anything less than 12 credits is part-time.

**Course Withdrawal:** If a student is unable to complete a course, for whatever reason, the student must withdraw from the course or risk receiving a grade of "F" for the course. For withdrawal procedures refer to Policies and Procedures.

**Credit:** A unit of academic award (credit) applicable toward a degree, measured in semester hours. Credit hours at St. Elizabeth College of Nursing are measured as follows: 15 classroom hours = 1 credit hour; 30 laboratory hours = 1 credit hour; 45 clinical hours = 1 credit hour.

**Curriculum:** A set of courses that awards an associate degree with a purpose such as preparing a student to enter the work world immediately or to transfer to a degree program at another college.

**Drop/Add:** The procedure whereby a student may change his/her class schedule, after initial registration, by dropping or adding a course without academic penalty.

**Elective Course:** A curriculum requirement which a student may choose to take from a number of possible courses, as distinguished from specific required courses.

**Full-time Student:** A student enrolled for 12 or more credits per semester.

*Note: Full-time status for New York State scholarships is determined by enrollment in 12 or more degree applicable hours.*

**Good Academic Standing:** A student in good academic standing who has met or exceeded the requirements specified in Policies and Procedures. A student must be in good academic standing to be eligible for financial aid and veterans' benefits.

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** The numerical average based on the credit hours attempted and grades earned for courses taken while a student at St. Elizabeth College of Nursing. At the close of each semester a separate GPA is calculated to indicate the semester and cumulative averages.

**Graduation Rate:** Ratio of the number of students who complete the course of study in one and a half times the length of the program, to the number of students initially enrolled as freshman.

**Grievance:** A circumstance thought to be unjust and grounds for complaint involving academic and non-academic matters.

**In-State Resident:** A legal resident of New York State for minimum of one calendar year.

**Matriculated Student:** A matriculated student has been accepted for admission to the college, has registered in the curriculum and is pursuing courses toward the associate degree.

**Mid-Semester Grades:** Mid-semester grades are indicators of a student's progress. Mid-semester grades are not recorded on official transcripts, but may be used to determine the need for academic counseling and remediation.

**Out-of-State Residents:** Legal resident of a state other than New York, or a foreign country.

**Part-time Student:** A student enrolled for fewer than 12 credits per semester.

**Prerequisite:** A course that a student must successfully complete for background information before enrolling in a particular course. For example, Nursing 120 has a prerequisite of Nursing 119.

**Program:** (see Curriculum).

**Registered Student:** A registered student is one who has scheduled classes and met all payment requirements. A student who schedules classes but does not complete the payment process will not be granted credit, regardless of class attendance.

**Remediation:** The process whereby a student is assisted via independent study, supplemental instruction, or tutoring to improve study habits, test taking results, and to raise the student's general academic and/or clinical competence.

**Semester:** A fifteen-week period of instruction and a one-week period of examinations and outcome assessments.

**Title IV Financial Aid:** The student financial assistance programs authorized by Title IV of the Federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, consist of: Federal Pell Grant Program, Federal Direct Student Loans (including the Federal Direct Subsidized Loans, Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and the Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) Loans).

**Transcript (student record):** A student's official academic record maintained by the Registrar's Office. It shows all academic work attempted and grades earned, as well as transfer credits accepted from other schools.

**Transfer Credit:** Credit from coursework taken at a previous institution that is accepted toward the degree requirement at St. Elizabeth College of Nursing. For transfer credit procedure, see Policies and Procedures.

**Withdrawal:** The procedure whereby a student may withdraw from all coursework through an established procedure. Refer to Policies and Procedures.

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