

COVID-19 Response: Purdue University Global Interim Catalog Policy

The COVID-19 Response: Purdue University Global Interim Catalog Policy was first published March 25, 2020 and was subsequently discontinued August 3, 2022. Effective periods for individual policies are noted below. These interim policies were intended to temporarily support students in specific areas impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic until either permanent solutions could be put in place or the interim policies were deemed no longer necessary. During their effective periods, the interim policies superseded, unless otherwise noted, the Catalog policies they augmented.

Nurse Practitioner Program Clinical Practice Completion, Interim Policy (April 13, 2020–January 26, 2021)

Effective period: This policy was effective April 13, 2020, for the February 26, 2020 (2001A) and March 25, 2020 (2002C) academic terms (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on April 9, 2020); effective April 30, 2020, for the May 13, 2020 (2002A), June 10, 2020 (2002C), and July 29, 2020 (2003A) academic terms (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on April 30, 2020); effective August 26, 2020, for the August 26, 2020 (2004C), October 14, 2020 (2004A), and November 11, 2020 (2005C) academic terms (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative council on August 20, 2020). After the above terms concluded, this policy was not extended.

Reason for Discontinuation: Per our accreditor, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, this policy was exclusively available to students who were working on clinical courses during 2020.

Affected Catalog Policies:

- Graduate School of Nursing, Progression Requirements, Clinical Practice Experiences and Practicums
- Master of Science in Nursing, Practicum and Clinical Practice Experiences
- Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path, Practicum and Clinical Practice Experiences
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Postgraduate Certificate, Clinical Practice Experience
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate, Clinical Practice Experience
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate, Clinical Practice Experience

Note that the interim policy also affects clinical course materials, which are not specifically cited here.

Interim Policy

With the support of the programmatic accreditor, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the total clinical hour requirement for the nurse practitioner programs listed below is updated for continuing students who, during the February 26, 2020 (2001A), March 25, 2020 (2002C), May 13, 2020 (2002A), June 10, 2020 (2002C), July 29, 2020 (2003A), August 26, 2020 (2004C), October 14, 2020 (2004A), or November 11, 2020 (2005C) academic terms, have any of their required clinical courses in progress OR initially scheduled but then cancelled by the University. Such students will be considered eligible for graduation when a total of 500 clinical hours are confirmed and all required courses are successfully completed. Once approved by the faculty and Clinical Placement Team to complete clinical hours with a site and preceptor, you may log hours as needed to ensure a total of 500 hours are complete. You must be registered for a clinical course to complete clinical hours. Your clinical hours must be completed during an academic term. You are responsible for reviewing your hours and ensuring you will reach the 500 minimum clinical hours required by the end of your program. Prior to graduation, your total clinical hours will be reviewed by the School of Nursing to confirm your graduation eligibility.

This policy applies to the following programs:

- Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path family nurse practitioner, primary care population focus area
- Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner population focus area
- Master of Science in Nursing adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner population focus area
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Postgraduate Certificate
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate

If you would like a list of the affected clinical courses or have questions about this interim policy, you may contact the School of Nursing.

Nondegree-Seeking Student Single Course Enrollment Attendance, Interim Policy (April 15, 2020–August 3, 2022)

Effective Period: This policy was effective April 15, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on April 9, 2020) and discontinued on August 3, 2022 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on July 14, 2022).

Reason for Discontinuation: This policy provided financial protections for those who had enrolled in and paid for a single course if the pandemic affected them in a way that prevented attendance. An extension of this policy was determined to be unnecessary as of the date of discontinuation.

Affected Catalog Policies

Leave of Absence and Withdrawal, Withdrawal Due to Nonattendance

Interim Policy

In the event that you have enrolled as a nondegree-seeking student to take a single course and are unable to log attendance by the end of the third week of the course, you will be dropped from the class and your admission will be cancelled. Purdue University Global does not want students who have unexpected circumstances arise to enter a course so late that opportunities for learning and success are put at risk.

High School Proof of Graduation and Related, Interim Policy (March 20, 2020–August 3, 2022)

Effective Period: This policy was effective March 20, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 19, 2020) and discontinued on August 3, 2022 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on July 14, 2022).

Reason for Discontinuation: A formal extension of this policy was determined to be unnecessary as of the date of discontinuation. Exceptions will continue to be considered when sound grounds to do so are demonstrated.

Affected Catalog Policies

- Admissions Requirements, Exceptions to Standard Admissions
- First-Term Responsibilities, Conditional Admission, Proof of High School Graduation

Interim Policy

The University will ask all graduates of foreign high schools to provide official proof of foreign-based secondary completion unless you can establish that, due to closure, this is not possible. In this case, the Office of the Registrar and the Dean's Office will review the required unofficial copy for possible certification as official to fulfill this requirement.

Associate of Science in Nursing Entrance Assessment Admissions Requirement, Interim Policy (March 26, 2020–September 21, 2021)

Effective Period: This policy was effective March 26, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 26, 2020) through September 21, 2021.

Reason for Discontinuation: Based on the experience of this interim policy, this program's admissions requirements were adjusted with the September 22, 2021 Catalog update to remove the entrance assessment test requirement, so the interim policy is no longer needed.

Affected Catalog Policies

Associate of Science in Nursing, Admissions Requirements

Interim Policy

Until further notice, the University will waive the entrance assessment tests admissions requirement for the Associate of Science in Nursing.

Extended Undergraduate Incomplete Grade Period, Interim Policy (April 2, 2020–July 6, 2021)

Effective Period: This policy was effective April 2, 2020 for the January 29, 2020 (2001B), February 26, 2020 (2001A), March 25, 2020 (2002C), April 15, 2020 (2002B), May 13, 2020 (2002A), and June 10, 2020 (2003C) terms (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on April 2, 2020); effective August 20, 2020 for the July 1, 2020 (2003B), July 29, 2020 (2003A), August 26, 2020 (2004C), September 16, 2020 (2004B), October 14, 2020 (2004A), November 11, 2020 (2005C), December 2, 2020 (2005B), January 6, 2021 (2101A), and February 3, 2021 (2101C) terms (approved by the Academic Administrative Council on August 20, 2020); and effective December 10, 2020 for February 24, 2021 (2101B), March 24, 2021 (2102A), April 21, 2021 (2102C), May 12, 2021 (2102B), June 9, 2021 (2103A), July 7, 2021 (2103C)*, and July 28, 2021 (2103B)*, terms (approved by the Academic Administrative Council on December 10, 2020).

**Effective July 7, 2021, the 2103B and 2103C terms were removed from this policy and were covered under a new institutional incomplete policy (approved by the Academic Administrative Council on June 24, 2021).*

Reason for Discontinuation: Based on the experience of this interim policy, a new institutional incomplete policy was developed for the July 7, 2021 Catalog update. The new policy took precedence over the interim policy. To that end, the effective terms for this policy were edited to remove 2103B and 2103C to maintain alignment between these two policies and to ensure a clean transition between them.

Affected Catalog Policies

Academic Calendar, Calendars A, B, and C

Interim Policy

For the terms listed below, the due date for undergraduate students submitting incomplete coursework is extended to the final day of the following term.

- Calendar A: 2001A, 2002A, 2003A, 2004A, 2101A, 2102A, 2103A
- Calendar B: 2001B, 2002B, 2003B, 2004B, 2005B, 2101B, 2102B
- Calendar C: 2002C, 2003C, 2004C, 2005C, 2101C, 2102C

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Skills Lab, Interim Policy (June 4, 2020–April 21, 2021)

Effective period: The virtual skills lab provision in this policy was effective June 4, 2020, for the June 10, 2020 (2003C), August 26, 2020 (2004C), and November 11, 2020 (2005C) academic

terms (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on May 28, 2020), and effective June 15, 2020, for the February 3, 2021 (2101C), and April 21, 2021 (2102C) academic terms (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on June 11, 2020). The hardware requirement in this policy was effective June 15, 2020 for the June 10, 2020 (2003C), August 26, 2020 (2004C), November 11, 2020 (2005C), February 3, 2021 (2101C), and April 21, 2021 (2102C) academic terms (approved for all of the above terms by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on June 11, 2020). It was subsequently discontinued, effective April 21, 2021 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 18, 2021).

Reason for Discontinuation: This interim policy was discontinued because it was adopted as a permanent policy with the April 21, 2021 Catalog publication.

Affected Catalog Policies

- Master of Science in Nursing
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate

Interim Policy

Effective for the June 10, 2020 (2003C), August 26, 2020 (2004C), November 11, 2020 (2005C), February 3, 2021 (2101C), and April 21, 2021 (2102C) academic terms, students enrolled in an adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner program will not be required to travel to the designated Purdue Global location for the 2.5-day skills lab experience. Instead, the School of Nursing will offer an alternative experience virtually. Students must use Clinic Immersives NP Skills Lab hardware throughout the program for this virtual experience. A one-time \$400 fee for the purchase of this hardware is paid directly to InciteVR. Instructions to purchase the hardware are provided to students in the course.

This policy applies to the following programs:

- Master of Science in Nursing's adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner population focus area
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate

Proof of Degree Completion, Interim Policy (February 3, 2021–August 3, 2022)

Effective Period: February 3, 2021 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on January 21, 2021) and discontinued on August 3, 2022 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on July 14, 2022).

Reason for Discontinuation: This interim policy was incorporated into the standard Catalog admissions requirements.

Affected Catalog Policies

Admissions Requirements

Interim Policy

If your program of study requires a prior degree for admission, the University will ask you to continue to request official transcripts from your prior institution(s). However, if by the deadline you are unable to provide an official college transcript showing your prior degree completion, Purdue Global will attempt to use the unofficial transcript you provided during enrollment, and compare it to any other official record sources, to confirm that the degree completion requirements for your program have been met.

You will only be awarded transfer credit when an official transcript is submitted. Transfer credit will not be awarded from an unofficial transcript. Transfer credit will be evaluated upon receipt of an official transcript and will be applied if eligible. Work with your advisor in the interim to register for courses you believe will not overlap with your anticipated transfer credit.

Proof of Degree Completion, Interim Policy (March 20, 2020–February 3, 2021)

Effective Period: This policy was effective March 20, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 19, 2020). It was subsequently discontinued, effective February 2, 2021 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative council on January 21, 2021).

Reason for Discontinuation: This interim policy was discontinued and replaced with a new interim policy due to the February 3, 2021 discontinuation of the Catalog's Conditional Admission policy.

Affected Catalog Policies

- First-Term Responsibilities, Conditional Admission, Proof of Prior Degree
- Admissions Requirements, Additional Requirements for Graduate Programs

Interim Policy

If your program of study requires a prior degree for admission, the University will ask you to continue to request official transcripts from your prior institution(s). However, if by a date three weeks prior to the end of your first term you are unable to provide an official college transcript showing your prior degree completion, Purdue Global will attempt to use the unofficial transcript you provided during enrollment, and compare it to any other official record sources, to confirm that the degree completion requirements for your program have been met.

You will remain in conditional admission status and your financial aid will not be awarded until your program's degree admissions requirements have been met by one method or the other.

You will only be awarded transfer credit when an official transcript is submitted. Transfer credit will not be awarded from an unofficial transcript. Transfer credit will be evaluated upon receipt

of an official transcript and will be applied if eligible. Work with your advisor in the interim to register for courses you believe will not overlap with your anticipated transfer credit.

Background Checks, Interim Policy (March 23, 2020–February 3, 2021)

Effective Period: This policy was effective March 23, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 19, 2020). It was subsequently discontinued, effective February 2, 2021 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative council on January 21, 2021).

Reason for Discontinuation: This interim policy was discontinued due to the February 3, 2021 discontinuation of the Catalog's Conditional Admission policy.

Affected Catalog Policies

Admissions Requirements, Criminal Background Checks for Undergraduate Programs
Admissions Requirements, Criminal Background Checks for Graduate Programs

Interim Policy

If you are enrolling in a Purdue Global program that requires a criminal background check, and if your background check results are delayed due to government or court background check processing issues, for reasons including but not limited to local or national emergencies, you may request an exception to the background check program admission requirements.

Exceptions will only be granted for students impacted by actual delays in government or court background check processing.

To request an exception, you must complete the Student Attestation for Background Check form.

If the exception is granted, you will be permitted to begin classes without a fully completed background check. However, you must ensure that the final background check results are submitted to the University by the end of your first term of enrollment. If for any reason the background check requirement cannot be met by the end of the first term, you will be withdrawn from the institution and liable for any balances incurred.