



Overview of Key Policies

Family Education Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

Chamberlain University maintains compliance with the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). FERPA protects the privacy of student educational records, establishes a student's right to inspect and review his/her academic records, and provides guidelines for correcting inaccurate and misleading data through informal and formal hearings.

Academic Freedom

Chamberlain University supports the development of autonomous thought and respect for the ideas of others. As a general matter and within the boundaries of the Code of Conduct and behavioral and curricular expectations applicable to faculty, students and faculty should be free to discuss questions of interest to them and express opinions publicly and privately. When doing so, students and/or faculty should make clear to the academic and larger community that in their expressions or demonstrations they speak only for themselves.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Chamberlain University does not discriminate in recruitment, education, employment, programs, activities and services on the basis of race, age, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, color, creed, disability, veteran status or other legally protected classifications. This policy is consistent with relevant governmental statutes and regulations, including those pursuant to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and applicable provisions of the Education Amendments of 1972, as well as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

Chamberlain does not tolerate verbal or physical conduct by any student, faculty or staff member that constitutes sexual harassment of any student/employee as outlined in the Sex Discrimination.

[Guidelines Issued by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(EEOC\)](#)

Office of Student Disability Service

Chamberlain University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for eligible students with documented disabilities as defined by state and federal laws relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with documented physical, visual, hearing, learning, or psychiatric disabilities should contact the accommodations coordinator at adaofficer@chamberlain.edu to request reasonable accommodations under ADA.



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Academic Integrity

Chamberlain University students are expected to conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner. All academic assignments, including papers, exams, projects, and in-class assignments must be the original work of the individual student unless otherwise specified by the instructor. Academic or clinical dishonesty are exceptionally serious offenses and may result in a failing grade on an assignment, failure in the course, or dismissal from the University. Students agree that by taking courses at Chamberlain University all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Use posted on the [Turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com) site. Faculty training may be found [HERE](#).

Student Participation

Students are highly encouraged to participate in their classes, since absence from class often has adverse effects on their learning process. Attendance is tracked and recorded on a course-by-course basis, using activity within each Monday to Sunday calendar week.

Grade Calculation/Grade Scale (no "D")

The course grade is determined by transferring the total number of points possible in the course to a percentage grade. Percentages of 0.5 or higher will be not raised to the next whole number. A final grade of 76% (letter grade C) is required to pass all nursing courses. If a grade below a "C" is earned in a nursing course, the student must repeat all components of the course even if the grade of "Satisfactory" was earned in the clinical or lab. All Prelicensure nursing courses require a 76 percent cumulative weighted average on test grades before additional assignments are calculated into the grade. In the case where a 76 percent cumulative weighted average on test grades is not achieved, the final course grade is based entirely on the test-score average.

Extra credit points are not awarded for nursing coursework.

Late Assignment Policy

Students are expected to submit assignments by the time they are due. Assignments submitted after the due date and time will receive a deduction of 10% of the total points possible for that assignment for each



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day the assignment is late. Assignments will be accepted, with penalty as described, up to a maximum of three days late, after which point a zero will be recorded for the assignment. In the event of an emergency that prevents timely submission of an assignment, students may petition their instructor for a waiver of the late submission grade reduction. The instructor will review the student's rationale for the request and make a determination based on the merits of the student's appeal. Consideration of the student's total course performance to date will be a contributing factor in the determination. Students should continue to attend class, actively participate, and complete other assignments while the appeal is pending. This Policy applies to assignments that contribute to the numerical calculation of the course letter grade.

Last Date to Withdraw

A Withdrawal (W) is recorded when the student withdraws any time after the drop period but prior to the last day to withdraw from the course. See the academic calendar to determine the last day to withdraw from a course.