

Deferment

A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to delineate the actions required to process a request for deferment.

B. Persons Affected

The people affected by this policy are undergraduate and graduate students.

C. Definitions

1. Deferment is defined as a formal request to delay admission to a later time.
2. Deferment is defined by the School of Nursing as a single occurrence in the length of the program.

D. Policy

This policy addresses the procedures, related statutes, regulations, rules, policies, and standards related to deferment request form.

E. Procedures

1. The program of study is on the schedule of courses and is forwarded by email to the applicant.
2. A student who has been accepted into a program, and concurs with the offer, is expected to enroll for the term selected.
3. The student will continuously enroll each semester as scheduled on the course list.
4. A student who does not accept the offer must officially request a deferral (See Deferment Request Form).
5. The student who requests a deferral will be advised that a seat in the next admission cycle is not guaranteed.
6. The student will be advised that exceptions to deferment include excused medical condition(s), serious illness or death of an immediate family member, legal proceedings, and military deployment.
7. The student will be advised that financial or employment circumstances are not considered exceptional circumstances for admission deferral.
8. A student who qualifies for deferral will be granted only one deferral at the time of acceptance to the program.
9. A student must request a deferment within 30 days of acceptance letters.
10. A student who is not granted a deferment may reapply.

F. Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards

1. Generic BSN: All procedures required other than those for graduate programs.
2. Second Degree BSN: All procedures required other than those for graduate programs.
3. RN-BSN: All procedures required other than those for graduate programs.
4. Graduate Programs
 - a. Graduate College policies may be accessed through the following link, <https://www.utrgv.edu/graduate/for-future-students/deferral-of-admission/index.htm>
 - b. A request form is required and accessed through a link provided.

5. Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
 - a. **Graduate College policies may be accessed through the following link.**
<https://www.utrgv.edu/graduate/for-future-students/deferral-of-admission/index.htm>
 - b. A request form is required and accessed through a link provided.

G. Attachments

Deferment Request Form

H. Dates Reviewed, Approved, or Amended

1. Date sent to SONFO April 8, 2024
2. Date approved by SONFO April 8, 2024
3. Date Approved by Dean April 8, 2024
4. Due for Revision April 8, 2025