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In response to the effects of COVID-19, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) issued a policy whereby Pass (P+ or P-) and W grades will be the assigned grades for the spring 2020 semester. However, you have the option to request your earned letter grades. The information below explains the grading options and the process for requesting letter grades.

Option 1: Pass (P+ or P-) and W Grades

Grades for the 14-week, 10-week, and second 7-week courses will be recorded as follows and will not affect your GPA:

P+	Pass with a grade of "C" or higher
P-	Pass with a grade of "D"
W	Withdraw

Notes:

**A grade of W will be assigned to courses in which you withdrew and to courses for which you do not achieve a passing grade.*

**The Pass (P+ or P-) and W option does not apply to the first 7-week session; these courses followed the standard grading system of assigning letter grades.*

Option 2: Requesting Letter Grades (A, B, C, D, F)

You may request your earned letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) for some or all 14-week, 10-week, and second 7-week courses. For example, you may request a letter grade for some courses and select to receive P+, P-, or W grades for other courses. The choice is yours. Letter grades will affect your GPA in accordance with the standard grading system.

How to Request Your Letter Grades

The letter grade request portal is available at: <http://www.nr.edu/gradechoice>. To request letter grades, you will be required to log in with your VCCS username and password. **The online portal will close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020. Once your submission is made, your request is final and may not be changed or revoked.**

Note: All letter grade requests must be made through the online portal. Email requests to instructors will not be accepted.

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No Action Taken

If you take no action and choose not to request your earned letter grades, you will receive a P+, P-, or W grade for each course.

Repeating a Course

If you are repeating a course during the spring 2020 semester, the grade earned for this semester will replace the earlier grade in your GPA calculation. Both course attempts and grades will show on your transcript; however, only the spring 2020 grade will be included in the GPA calculation. For example, if you request a letter grade for the repeated course, only the letter grade earned for spring 2020 will be included in the GPA calculation. If you receive a P+ or P- for the repeated course, these grades will not affect your GPA; however, the earlier grade will no longer be included in the GPA calculation. If you receive a W grade for the repeated course, the earlier grade will still be included in the GPA calculation.

Developmental Courses

Developmental courses with the course prefix of ENF, MCR, and MTT, along with the CHM 5 course, are considered developmental education courses and will be assigned standard developmental course grades of S or U. A grade of W will only be assigned if you withdraw from the course. These grades do not affect your GPA.

NOVA Shared Services Courses

If you are enrolled in a NOVA shared services course, you must follow the grade request instructions provided by Northern Virginia Community College.

High School Dual Enrolled Courses

If you are a student participating in dual enrolled courses through your high school or the Southwest Virginia Governor's School, you must follow the grade request instructions provided by your high school.

Graduation Requirements

A grade of P+ will count towards graduation in all programs; in many programs, a P- will also count towards graduation. As noted below, a grade of P- will not be accepted as transfer credit at another college or university.

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Aspiring NRCC Nursing Students

If you are completing pre-nursing/nursing degree course requirements, you are advised to request letter grades for these courses to ensure the highest degree of competitiveness in the selective admissions process in nursing. Any pre-nursing student accepting/earning P+ grades for spring 2020 courses will earn a grade score of 2.5 for the purpose of curricular GPA calculation as part of the nursing admissions process.

Transcripts

All spring 2020 grades, including P+, P-, W, and letter grades, will appear on your transcript. A notation for the spring 2020 semester will be included to indicate the meaning of the P grades. You may request a copy of your NRCC transcripts at: <https://nr.edu/admissions/index.php#transcripts>.

Transferring P+ Grades to Another College or University

The State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) continues to work with the VCCS and four-year colleges and universities on the acceptance and transferability of P+ grades. At this time, most public Virginia colleges and universities have indicated they will accept P+ grades earned during the spring 2020 semester. Below is information specific to Radford University and Virginia Tech:

Radford University will accept the grade of P+ in transfer credit from the VCCS. Grades of P- will not be accepted.

Virginia Tech will accept the grade of P+ in transfer credit from the VCCS. Grades of P- will not be accepted.

**Note: As always, you should contact your transfer institution with specific questions about special requirements for certain programs and majors.*

Please refer to the SCHEV document “Transfer FAQ’s – Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic” for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/TransferVA>.

GPA Calculator

You may estimate your current semester GPA with a combination of letter grades and P+ or P- grades at this link: <https://nr.edu/students/gpaCalculator.php>.

**Note: The GPA generated by this calculator is only an estimate and is based upon the information you enter. Your official semester GPA may differ as this is calculated based upon your actual earned credits and grades for the current semester.*