

## SA.07 GRADING SYSTEM FOR ACADEMIC COURSES

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### 2 RATIONALE

Increased requests by students for cross-crediting and seamless education opportunities signal a need for comparable grading systems between tertiary education institutions regarding academic courses.

### 3 POLICY

#### A. ACADEMIC COURSES

- For Individual Assignments the grading system used will be:

A+	[90 – 100%]
A	[80 – 89%]
A-	[75 – 79%]
B+	[70 – 74%]
B	[65 – 69%]
B-	[60 – 64%]
C+	[55 – 59%]
C	[50 – 54%]
D+	[45 – 49%]
D	[40 – 44%]
E	[30 – 39%]
F	[29% and under]

(It should be noted that any grade of D+ or below is a failing grade)

When an assignment has received a failing grade when initially marked but has been allowed to be resubmitted and passes, the only grade this assignment can receive is:

CP	[49%] (for resubmission purposes only)
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- For final course grades and transcripts (interim and final) the grading system used will be:

A+	[90 – 100%]
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A-	[75 – 79%]
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DNC	Did Not Complete
AEG	Aegrotat Pass
WD	Withdrew (without academic penalty)
EXP-CRT	Exemption via CRT (Policy SA.22)
DNCT	Did Not Complete Terms

NB:

- The grade of DNCT is awarded when a student has completed and passed assignment work but not fulfilled terms as stated in the published Course Outline.
- It should be noted that any grade of D+ or below is a failing grade.

3. In the collation of final course grades, the following principles shall apply:

- The mid-point of a grade will be used for calculation where the assessment was not marked numerically.
- The final grade shall be determined by the interval within which the total percentage for the course lies (eg. 71% = B+).

## B. PRACTICUM COURSES

4. In Teacher Education programmes the following competency scale will be used to assess each individual Professional Practice Experience (PPE) (practicum):

- Accomplished
- Competent
- Developing
- Fail

In the final year a grade of Competent or above must be gained in order to pass.

5. In Counselling and Social Work programmes the following competency scale may be used to assess each individual practicum experience:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

## AWARDS / QUALIFICATIONS

6. BTI will award qualifications as having been completed at two different levels. A student may:

- PASS, or
- Pass with DISTINCTION

PASS with DISTINCTION: For three or four year Degree and Diploma qualifications the grades for Level 7 papers will be used calculation. In order to pass with DISTINCTION, students are required to gain an A or A+ grade for at least half of the paper credits. In addition in the case of Teacher Education this calculation includes a final Professional Practice Experience (PPE) grade of Accomplished. In the case of Counselling and Social

Work this calculation includes a practicum grade of Very Good or above for the final practicum.

For Diploma of Counselling students the calculation involves the median at an A or A+ grade for more than half of their level 6 academic papers in Year Two and Year Three and a practicum grade of Very Good or Excellent for their final practicum.

For all one year qualifications the calculation involves the median of an A or A+ grade for 'more than half' of their academic papers, plus a final Professional Practice Experience (PPE) grade of Accomplished for Teacher Education, or Very Good or above for Counselling and Social Work. All recommended distinctions must be ratified by the Academic Board, which reserves the right to withhold such awards in exceptional circumstances.

Both the Postgraduate Diploma of Professional Practice and the Master of Professional Practice may be awarded with Distinction where the student has an average grade of A or A+ across all papers.