

Standards of Academic Progress

To be eligible to participate in the Federal Student Aid Programs, a student must meet the following minimum Standards of Academic Progress (SAP). The policy below applies to ALL students applying for financial aid. SAP will be reviewed at the end of each academic year (for SAP purposes an academic year begins with the summer session and ends with the following spring semester).

STANDARDS

➤ 70% Rule

- **Students must earn a minimum of 70% of cumulative attempted hours** (i.e., all attempted hours on the transcript regardless of grade received).
- Attempted hours are defined as the hours for which the student is enrolled as of the last day to drop classes without a "W".
- Earned hours are defined as the sum of hours for which a student has earned a grade of A, B, C, D, or P. Grades of F, NC, I, W, or AU are not considered as earned hours.

*If you are not sure of your current Completion Percentage you may calculate it with the SAP Estimator Tool. Also, you may estimate future Completion Percentage including the current semester/session of enrollment. The tool is available by following this link: [SAP Estimator Tool](#)

➤ Minimum 2.0 overall Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Students who have enrolled for 4 semesters regardless if consecutive or non-consecutive, must have an overall 2.0 GPA.

➤ Maximum Attempted Credit Hours

- Students pursuing a certificate may be considered for financial aid for a maximum of 54 attempted hours.*
- Students pursuing an associate degree other than in Nursing, Respiratory Care, Radiologic Technology and Diagnostic Medical Sonography may receive financial aid for a maximum of 90 attempted hours.*
- Students pursuing an associate degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography may receive financial aid for a maximum of 105 attempted hours.*
- **Students pursuing an associate degree in Nursing, Respiratory Care, or Radiologic Technology may receive financial aid for a maximum of 123 attempted hours.***

** All courses on the transcript, regardless of grades received, count toward the total attempted hours.*

APPEAL PROCESS

A student who becomes ineligible for aid because they have failed to meet the standards will continue to be ineligible until they re-establish eligibility.

To re-establish eligibility the student may do one of the following:

- Submit a written appeal to the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services explaining the extenuating circumstances (such as illness, death in family, etc.) that have affected the student's academic performance.
- Enroll as a self-pay student each semester until they have met the Standards of Academic Progress as outlined above.