

# Standards of Academic Progress

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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.

➤ Minimum 2.0 overall Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Students who have enrolled for 4 semesters regardless if consecutive or nonconsecutive, 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, Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology may be considered for financial aid for a maximum of 90 attempted hours.\*
- Students pursuing an associate degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography may be considered for financial aid for a maximum of 105 attempted hours.\*
- Students pursuing an associate degree in Nursing, Respiratory Care, or Radiologic Technology may be considered for 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:

- Complete the Financial Aid Appeal Form which is located in the forms menu of the Financial Aid Office page on the LSU Eunice site ([LSUE.edu](http://LSUE.edu))
- Enroll as a self-pay student each semester until they have met the Standards of Academic Progress as outlined above.