

**Gadsden State Community College**  
**FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY**

**I. Program Completion**

The maximum time frame allowed to complete a program of study without financial aid penalty cannot exceed 1.5 times the published length of a specific program. For example, a student in General Studies, which is 64 semester hours in length, may attempt a maximum of 96 hours.

**II. Required Credit Hours**

The student must successfully complete 67% of all classes attempted. For example, if a student attempts 24 credit hours, he/she must successfully complete 17 semester hours. The percentage of hours completed will not be monitored until the student has attempted two full-time semesters or at the mid-point of the program of study, whichever is less. **NOTICE:** All college-level hours attempted, including those in which the student withdrew or received incompletes, will be included in this calculation. Transfer hours will be included if the courses are in the student's major program of study. Remedial hours will not be included in this calculation.

**III. Required Grade Point Average (GPA)**

A student enrolled in an A.S., A.A.S., or certificate program requiring more than 26 credit hours must achieve a cumulative GPA of

- 1.50 after attempting 12-21 credit hours
- 1.75 after attempting 22-32 credit hours
- 2.00 after attempting 33 or more credit hours

Students enrolled in certificate programs 26 credit hours or less must achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of

- 1.50 after attempting 12-17 credit hours
- 2.00 after attempting 18 or more credit hours

Transfer GPA is not included in the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. Remedial GPA is included in the SAP Policy.

**IV. Financial Aid Warning**

If a student fails to achieve the required cumulative GPA or does not successfully complete the required percentage of hours, he/she will be placed on financial aid warning for one semester. Also, those students who are accepted for admissions to the College under Academic Probation will be placed on financial aid warning. The warning will be lifted in a subsequent term if the student attains the required cumulative GPA and successfully completes the required percentage of hours.

**V. Loss of Eligibility**

If a student fails to complete a program within the maximum time frame allowed or does not attain satisfactory academic progress by the end of the financial aid warning, he/she will lose financial aid eligibility. The student may have Loss of Eligibility lifted and thereby regain eligibility for financial aid during subsequent terms if he/she makes satisfactory academic progress or if the Financial Aid Appeal Committee reinstates eligibility. If student loses eligibility, he/she is **NOT** eligible to receive financial aid for the duration of Loss of Eligibility. The student may gain eligibility for financial aid when satisfactory academic progress is obtained or if he/she meets his/her academic plan.

**VI. Appeal Process**

The student may file an appeal by submitting a *Financial Aid Appeal Form* to the Financial Aid Office. These forms are available in the Gadsden State Financial Aid Office and online at [www.gadsdenstate.edu](http://www.gadsdenstate.edu). If an appeal is approved, the approval is applicable for one semester only. Only one appeal per academic year will be accepted.

**VII. Monitoring Progress**

Academic progress will be monitored at the end of each semester, even at the end of a semester during which financial aid has not been received.

**VIII. Repeating Courses**

A student may not use some forms of financial aid to repeat courses. A student receiving a Federal Pell Grant may repeat courses; however, the hours will be included in the satisfactory academic progress calculations. Federal Pell Grant will pay to repeat a class(es) only one time if the student received a passing grade the first time.

**IX. Remedial Courses**

A student may receive financial aid for up to 30 attempted remedial credit hours. If this number is exceeded, financial aid cannot cover any further remedial classes. If the student enrolls in the same remedial course more than three times, financial aid will not apply for any subsequent enrollment(s) in this course.