

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 16 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 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.

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 equal to 26 credit hours 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

IV. Financial Aid Probation

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 probation for one semester. Also, those students who are accepted for admissions to the College under Academic Probation will be placed on Financial Aid Probation. Probation will be lifted in a subsequent term if the student attains the required cumulative GPA and successfully completes the required percentage of hours.

V. Financial Aid Suspension

If a student fails to complete a program within the maximum time frame allowed, does not successfully complete the required percentage of credit hours, does not earn the required cumulative GPA, or does not attain satisfactory academic progress by the end of the financial aid probation, he/she will be placed on financial aid suspension. The student may have suspension 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 placed on academic suspension, a student is **NOT** eligible to receive financial aid for the duration of suspension, even if he/she is readmitted to the College upon academic appeal. The student may gain eligibility for financial aid when satisfactory academic progress is obtained.

VI. Appeal Process

The student may file an appeal by submitting a *Financial Aid Appeal Form* to the Director of Financial Aid. These forms are available in the Gadsden State Financial Aid Office and online at www.gadsdenstate.edu.

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. Students receiving Federal Pell Grants may repeat courses; however, the hours will be included in the satisfactory academic progress calculations.

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.

Student Signature

Student Number

Date