The Center For Educational and Retention Counseling Presents a Retention Strategies Session (RSS) Workshop on

FROM ACADEMIC PROBATION TO GRADUATION



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ON ACADEMIC PROBATION?

It means that a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) has fallen below the minimum GPA required to maintain Good Academic Standing.

It means that the student will only be allowed to enroll in 11.5 credits

MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

The following cumulative grade point average minimums must be attained for a student to be considered in good academic standing:

- 1.7 with 1-14 credits attempted (usually one semester)
- 1.8 with 15-29 credits attempted (usually two semesters)
- 1.9 with 30-47 credits attempted
- 2.0 with 48 or more credits attempted

Please take note that credits attempted includes W's (withdrawals) and UW's (unofficial withdrawals)

ACADEMIC WARNING STATUS

- A student whose cumulative average falls below the minimum gpa for the first time will be place on Academic Warning –max 14 cr.
- The student shall be limited to 14 credits (or equivalent where preparatory courses are concerned) for the next semester.
- If, at the end of the next semester, the student's cumulative average still falls below the required minimum gpa, then the student shall be placed on Academic Probation and shall be restricted to part-time (11.5 credits) attendance.

WHAT'S NEXT? ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

• The cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of students on probation will be reviewed at the end of the spring semester. Students whose cumulative average remains below the required minimum will be academically dismissed. The office of the Dean of Students implements, interprets, and ensures compliance with this policy.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET DISMISSED?

- You will receive a letter from the Dean of Student's Office informing you of your dismissal.
- You have the right to appeal the dismissal. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the
 Academic Standing Committee through the office of the Dean of Students no later than
 six weeks prior to the beginning of the semester for which they wish to be readmitted.
 Students who fail to appeal their dismissal within the required time limit may submit an
 appeal in a timely fashion for readmission to a future semester. Appeal decisions
 rendered by the Academic Standing Committee shall be final
- You can meet with a CERC counselor to review your completed Academic Dismissal Appeal application and to discuss the possible outcomes.

REINSTATEMENT PROCESS

- The Academic Standing Committee will review all the Academic Dismissal Appeal applications.
- Students that get reinstated will receive a letter informing them that they will be allowed to return to the college.
- Students that get reinstated will be placed on "D" status/Probation for the semester they are reinstated and will only be allowed to attend parttime (11.5 credits).
- Once reinstated, a student will not be dismissed under this policy provided that they achieve a <u>semester gpa of 2.0</u> or better for the semester after they are reinstated.
- If a student stays out for one academic year or longer they can be reinstated without appealing.

HOW DID I GET ON ACADEMIC PROBATION/DISMISSED FROM COLLEGE?



I don't know how to study.

I work more than 20 hours a week.

I don't know what I want to major in.

I had an incomplete grade that turned to "F".

I didn't repeat courses with a grade of "F" or "UW".

I left school without withdrawing from my courses.

I have difficulty balancing work, study and home life



GRADING POLICIES

UW-Unofficial Withdrawal=grade of F

This grade, for credit classes, carries the same academic value as a failing grade and will be given to a student that attended class, but for whatever reason stopped attending during the semester. Students must withdraw from the class by the published deadline.

UU-Unofficial Withdrawal

This grade, for non-credit class (remedial), does not affect the student's grade point average but does count toward the number of attempts in the remedial program.

NA-Never Attended

This grade is issued for a credit class and does not affect the student's grade point average, however students will be liable for tuition and fees for the class if not dropped prior to the start of the semester and financial aid will be affected because of non-attendance.

WHAT I CAN DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL NEXT SEMESTER:

- Meet with my professor(s)
- Repeat F and UW grades
- Get a tutor for difficult courses
- Attend a Study Skills Workshop—See CERC's Website for the list
- Go to the Math Success Center
- Go to the Writing Center-Bradley Hall Ballroom
- Go to the Learning Lab associated with your courses
- Meet with a counselor from the Center for Educational and Retention Counseling (CERC)
- Officially withdraw from a difficult course or one that you have not been attending.
- Attend college part-time
- Plan to take a class during the Winterim and/or Summer sessions

CALCULATING YOUR GPA

- To calculate the cumulative GPA, you take your semester GPA hours and add them to the GPA hours listed in the Transcript Totals area. Do the same for the quality points. Divide Total Quality GPA points by GPA hours. (W's are not calculated in the GPA).
- Quality points are earned as follows:

A-4 points

B+-3.5 points

B-3 points

C+-2.5 points

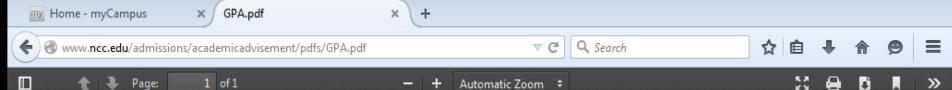
C-2 points

D+-1.5 points

D—1 points

F-0 points

UW-0 points



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GPA CALCULATION WORKSHEET*

Each letter grade you receive has a numerical equivalent called Quality Points.

Letter Grade	A	B+	В	C+	С	D+	D	F	W	uw	s	U	υυ	INC	NA
Quality Points	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-

The total quality points you have earned, divided by the total credits you have attempted, determines your GPA.

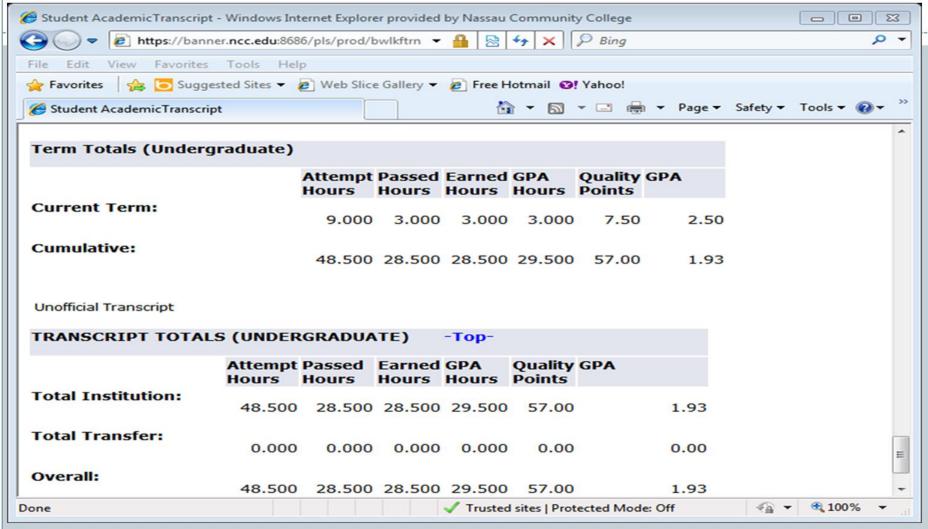
Example:

Course	Grade	Quality Points	Credits	Credits x Quality Points
BIO 101	B+	3.5	4	14
ENG 101	A	4	3	12
MAT 100	C+	2.5	4	10
RDG 002	S	-	-	-
PED 657	F	0	1	0
			12 (Total Credits)	36 (Total Quality Points)

(Total Quality Points) \div (Total Credits) = GPA

For this example:
$$36 \div 12 = 3.0$$

How To Calculate your GPA



• Your GPA is Quality points divided by GPA Hours, 29.5/57=1.93

GETTING BACK ON TRACK: EXAMINING MY AREA OF STUDY AND CHOOSING COURSES

- Nassau Community College has many areas of study for you to consider.
- The College Catalog is online at www.ncc.edu. Click on Programs and Courses. This will lead you to all of our areas of study and the courses required for each.
- As you consider different areas of study it is important to look at the course work required. If you log in to your Banner account and use the Degree Works, you can look at your current major, but also see if you changed to another major, what the courses required would look like. It's a great feature!
- Does the coursework required reflect my areas of interest and my academic strengths? (Example

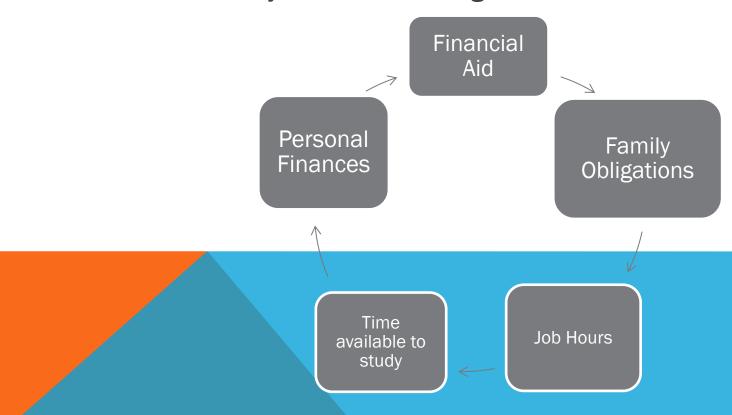
 Am I good at Math? Science? English?)
- It is also important to access the type of skills I will develop in this area of study; can I be creative? work with my hands? solve problems? learn about human behavior?
- Finding the right fit is important. The right fit is a combination of the interests, strengths, and skills that all fall into one area of study or major.
- It's ok not to know when you start college. You have the ability to explore different subjects each semester. It's a great way to get a taste of different programs and find one that you are interested in.

HOW MANY CREDITS DO I TAKE?

As a probationary student, you can take up to 11.5 credits.

The choice of how many credits you take in any semester can certainly influence your academic success or failure.

The diagram below shows you the things you should consider in choosing the number of credits you will take during a semester.



WILL I EVER GRADUATE?

You need 64 credits for your Associates Degree. Develop an Academic Plan each semester.

The college offers courses during the Fall (15 weeks), Winter(one course, three weeks, 5 days a week), Spring (15 weeks), and Summer with Session I and II(each session is 4 weeks and 4 days a week, M-Th) and Session III (one course, three weeks, 5 days a week).



RESOURCES

- Your professors are great resources. Make an appointment during their posted office hours.
- The Center for Educational and Retention Counseling (572-7141)in Nassau Hall rm. 19 can assist you in developing an educational plan as well as workshops to help you achieve academic success. Other SPS Support Services include:

Center for Students with Disabilities

Job Placement

Career Development Office

Psychological Counseling,

Student Activities

Transfer Counseling