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Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal regulations require that all financial aid recipients maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in pursuit of their degree completion. Progress is measured qualitatively by the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) and quantitatively by percentage of credit hours earned in relation to those attempted. Federal regulations also limit the duration of the program. At St. Luke's College, these standards are also applied to state and institutional financial aid programs.

Each student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and successfully complete 67% of the credits attempted in each academic year in order to be making satisfactory academic progress. Satisfactory clinical performance requirements are specified in each program of study.

The maximum time frame a student has to complete the program is one and a half times (150%) the specified length of the program. Beyond this timeframe the student is ineligible for financial aid for the remaining time it takes to attain a degree.

Transfer Credits

It is assumed that transfer students are maintaining satisfactory academic progress at the time of admission. Grades earned at other institutions are not reflected on the St. Luke's College official academic transcript. Transfer credits that are accepted at St. Luke's College are counted toward the earned and attempted credits in determining satisfactory academic progress.

Repeated Coursework

When students repeat a course, the most recent grade received is used in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average in determining satisfactory academic progress.

Incomplete Coursework

Students have 30 calendar days from the end of the course to complete an incomplete. The student's grade point will be reviewed at the end of this timeline to determine satisfactory academic progress.

Withdrawn Coursework/College

Students can withdraw from a course on the first day of class without financial or academic penalty. A student can withdraw from a course within the first 60% of the semester without academic penalty. Satisfactory Academic Progress will be reviewed at the end of the semester the student was enrolled.

Academic Probation and Financial Aid Warning

Satisfactory academic progress is evaluated at the end of each fall and spring semesters. Students attending the summer session are evaluated at the end of the summer term. Written notification will be made to students indicating their status if they fail to meet satisfactory academic progress.

If a student fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress they will be placed on academic probation and financial aid warning for one semester. If the student fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress in a subsequent semester they will be subject to dismissal and ineligible for financial aid.

An academic plan specifying steps a student must take for continued enrollment while on financial aid warning and academic probation may be required at the discretion of the Department Chair of the student's program of study and Department Chair of Student and Administrative Services. Such an academic plan may limit the total number of credits a student may enroll in during a subsequent semester, and may prescribe courses in which a student may enroll.

A student who fails to achieve satisfactory academic progress after an academic probation and financial aid warning period will be dismissed from the college.

Regaining Eligibility after Dismissal

A student who has been dismissed may apply for readmission to the college. If the student is readmitted to St. Luke's College, financial aid eligibility will be reinstated. An academic plan may be required.