

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students enrolled in degree programs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center are expected to make satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of their degree requirements. The colleges/programs of the Medical Center set their own academic standards governing satisfactory academic progress including probation, suspension or dismissal for failure to attain such standards. These standards are to be in accordance with the standards set by the accrediting agencies for each college/program.

Federal regulations require that policies for students receiving financial aid must be the same as, or stricter, than the institution's standards for a student enrolled in the same educational program who is not receiving assistance under the Title IV/Title VII programs. The following policies apply to all students at UNMC, regardless of receipt of federal financial aid. For complete Federal Regulation guidance please refer to 34 CFR 668.34

1. Students who have completed two or more years of college must have achieved and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0. Students not meeting this standard will be ineligible for federal student aid until such time as the 2.0 GPA requirement is met.
2. Undergraduate students must complete their program within 150% of the published length of the educational program, measured at full time status (i.e. Nursing program is 4 semesters; students must complete the program in 6 semesters or be terminated from financial aid). Students enrolled at less than full time status must follow this standard as well (i.e. ½ time enrollment Nursing program 8 semesters; students must complete program in 12 semesters or be terminated from financial aid).
3. Students choosing to enroll in a program of less than full-time status must, each academic year, in addition to 1 and 2 above: Complete 100% of the cumulative yearly hours attempted.
4. In addition the following standards apply:

College of Medicine:

Full time enrollment: maintain grades compatible with advancement. Complete 100% of the cumulative yearly hours attempted or progress to the next level of the program. Students required to repeat any academic year will not be eligible for federal financial aid for the "REPEAT" year unless granted an appeal from the financial aid office.

College of Dentistry: Full-time enrollment; maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Complete 100% of the cumulative yearly hours attempted or progress to the next level of the program. Students required to repeat any academic year will not be eligible for federal financial aid for the "REPEAT" year unless granted an appeal from the financial aid office.

College of Pharmacy: Full-time enrollment; maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Complete 100% of the cumulative yearly hours attempted or progress to the next level of the program. Students

required to repeat any academic year will not be eligible for federal financial aid for the “REPEAT” year unless granted an appeal from the financial aid office.

School of Allied Health Professional Students: Full-time enrollment; maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Complete 100% of the cumulative yearly hours attempted or progress to the next level of the program. Students required to repeat any academic year will not be eligible for federal financial aid for the “REPEAT” year unless granted an appeal from the financial aid office.

School of Allied Health Undergraduate Students: Full-time enrollment; maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Complete 75% of the cumulative hours attempted or progress to the next level of the program. **In accordance with federal regulations, effective July 1, 2011, the cumulative hours attempted MUST include the accepted transfer credit hours. Grades of D and below do not count as completed hours when measuring the 75% completion rate. Please refer to the specific Allied Health program bulletin for information on grade evaluations**

College of Nursing-Undergraduate Students: Full-time enrollment; maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Complete 75% of the cumulative hours attempted or progress to the next level of the program. **In accordance with federal regulations, effective July 1, 2011, the cumulative hours attempted MUST include the accepted transfer credit hours. Grades of D and below do not count as completed hours when measuring the 75% completion rate. Please refer to the College of Nursing Catalogue for information on grade evaluations.**

College of Nursing-Professional Students-MSN/DNP/PMC: Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Complete 100% of the cumulative yearly hours attempted. . Be enrolled a minimum of three (3) credit hours per term. Professional nursing students are eligible for financial aid for those classes which are required for their professional nursing degree/certificate only. Students who fail to complete 100% of the cumulative hours attempted each academic year will not be eligible for federal student aid until such time they successfully complete an entire academic year of enrollment. **In accordance with federal regulations, effective July 1, 2011, the cumulative hours attempted MUST include MSN/DNP/PMC transfer hour accepted by the College of Nursing. Grades of D and below do not count as completed hours when measuring the 100% completion rate. Please refer to the College of Nursing Catalogue for information on grade evaluation.**

College of Public Health: Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Complete 100% of the cumulative yearly hours attempted. Be enrolled a minimum of four (4) credit hours per term. College of Public Health students are eligible for financial aid for those classes which are required for the Certificate or Masters programs. Students who fail to complete 100% of the cumulative hours attempted each academic year will not be eligible for federal student aid until such time they successfully complete an entire academic year of enrollment. **In accordance with federal regulations, effective July 1, 2011, the cumulative hours attempted MUST include all accepted Master’s transfer credit hours. Grades of D and below do not count as completed hours when measuring the 100% completion rate.**

College of Graduate Studies: Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Complete 100% of the cumulative yearly hours attempted. Be enrolled a minimum of four (4) credit hours per term. Graduate students are eligible for financial aid for those classes which are required for the Masters or Doctoral degree only. Students who fail to complete 100% of the cumulative hours attempted each academic year will not be eligible for federal student aid until such time they successfully complete an academic year of enrollment. **In accordance with federal regulations, effective July 1, 2011, the cumulative hours attempted MUST include all Master/PhD accepted transfer credit hours. Grades of D and below do not count as completed hours when measuring the 100% completion rate.**

The Medical Center Campus changed its grading system for graduate students to conform with the system wide grading system. It is UNMC policy that **graduate students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average**. A grade point average of B- is not acceptable per Graduate College policy. Financial Aid will be terminated for failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA. Reinstatement of financial aid will be based on a recommendation from the Executive Associate Dean of the Graduate College.

Grades of (F) Failing, (I) Incomplete, (W) Withdraw, (WP) Withdraw Passing, (WF) Withdraw Failing and (NR) No Report will count as hours attempted but will not count as hours completed.

Academic Year is defined as the period of time established by each college/school in their academic calendar. Progress shall normally be measured as soon as possible after the end of each academic year. Students failing to meet the above standards or students academically suspended from their college will not be eligible for financial aid eligibility.

Reinstatement of aid eligibility will occur when the student meets the minimum GPA requirements and progresses to the next level of the program. Students will be notified, in writing, by the Office of Financial Aid of their financial aid ineligibility upon receipt of progress advisement from colleges/programs. Students enrolled in programs with academic calendars greater than nine (9) months are advised to review their progress with their program in the Spring to determine the likelihood of not meeting the above standards and plan accordingly.

Appeal and Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility

Reinstatement of aid eligibility will be based on a recommendation from a college associate dean, and will occur when the student meets the minimum GPA requirements and progresses to the next level of the program. Students will be notified, in writing, by the Office of Financial Aid of their financial aid ineligibility upon receipt of progress advisement from colleges/programs. Students enrolled in programs with academic calendars greater than nine (9) months are advised to review their progress with their program in the Spring to determine the likelihood of not meeting the above standards and plan accordingly.

If extenuating circumstances have affected a student's progress, a written appeal must be received by the Financial Aid Office within 30 days of the date of the financial aid ineligibility notification. The following circumstances may qualify for a legitimate appeal:

- a. Student illness requiring physician's care in excess of several weeks.

- b. Major illness or death in the student's immediate family (spouse, mother, father, child, etc.)
- c. Legal issues which force the student to compromise class attendance for an extended period of time.

The following must be included in the appeal letter:

The appeal letter must be submitted by the student. Supporting documentation from program scholastic evaluation committees may also be submitted by the student. Appeals must explain the reason the student failed to progress to the next level of the program. The appeal must include a description of a program approved action plan to insure successful completion in the repeat year (working with the Academic Success program/assigned tutoring/advising plan). Students should detail the approved action plan/and program administrator with whom they are working to insure success.

Graduate students placed on SAP suspension for failure to complete 100% of their attempted credit hours must include their projected enrollment plan for the next academic year and a statement to insure they understand that failure to complete 100% of the attempted hours will result in financial aid ineligibility until such time they complete 100% of their attempted hours for an academic year.

Appeals will be reviewed and a written response sent to the student within ten days of the decision. Students are granted only one appeal and reinstatement of aid for their UNMC education.

Students who are granted an appeal will be eligible for federal student aid for the ensuing FALL semester-a financial aid 'probationary' period. Students must successfully complete 100% of the FALL semester attempted credit hours to continue financial aid eligibility for the SPRING semester. The Financial Aid Office will review students on financial aid probation at the end of the Fall semester. Depending on program grade submission, this evaluation may be delayed by several weeks. Spring financial aid will not be credited to student accounts until the Fall semester review has been completed.

Students who are required to repeat courses/semesters/academic years more than once will be ineligible for federal financial aid until such time they progress to the next level of curriculum.