

## MAKE PROGRESS OR RISK LOSING YOUR FINANCIAL AID

Changes in financial aid regulations require a new and stricter satisfactory academic progress policy be in place beginning Fall 2011. **You must meet the minimum academic requirements at the end of each semester or summer on a cumulative basis or you risk losing your federal student aid.**

### What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

Students receiving financial aid are expected to be making progress towards graduation after each semester or summer. This progress is measured using two criteria:

- ❑ Maintain the Grade-Point-Average (GPA) by the number of credit-hours you've attempted according to the following chart:

| Credit-Hours Attempted | Minimum GPA | Credit-Hours Attempted | Minimum GPA |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 12 - 17                | 1.40        | 37-48                  | 1.75        |
| 18-24                  | 1.50        | 49                     | 1.85        |
| 25-36                  | 1.60        | Graduation             | 2.00        |

- ❑ Complete 67% of the credits you have attempted every semester and summer:  
**For example**, if you have attempted 12 credits in total, you must have completed at least 8 credits with a passing grade. The Office of Financial Aid will review your academic progress after each semester and summer. Incomplete ("I") or unreported ("NR") grades will be counted as attempted credits that have not been completed with a passing grade.

### Will Financial Aid pay for a "repeated" course?

If you have never earned a passing grade for the course, (A, B, C, MP, P, and D), financial aid will continue to pay for the course subject to you maintaining other eligibility requirements, e.g., below the 30 developmental credits limitation, maintaining good SAP etc. Once you have earned a passing grade, financial aid will only pay for one more attempt of the same course.

**For example**, the first two previous attempts for Sociology 101 resulted in withdrawal (W) and failed (F). On the third attempt, the passing grade is "D", but a better grade is needed to improve the GPA. Financial aid will pay one more time for the grade to be improved. After this, no more financial aid will be paid for the Sociology 101 course.

### How do excessive withdrawals affect Financial Aid?

Withdrawing from any course after the 20% point of the term will count as an incomplete attempt. Federal financial aid regulations require that you complete your program of study within 150% of the program length.

Incomplete ("I"), unreported ("NR") or "F" grades will be counted towards the 150% completion limit.

**For example**, the Liberal Arts degree requires the successful completion of 61 credits to graduate. Aid will not be available once you have attempted 91 credits.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What happens if my cumulative GPA is less than the minimum needed or if I don't meet the 67% completion rate?

Failing to meet either criteria will cause you to be placed in a "financial aid warning" status for the next semester or summer.

#### What is the financial aid warning status?

It means that you have one semester or summer to improve your GPA or completion rate or both and return to a good standing status.

#### Can I continue receiving financial aid while on financial aid warning status?

Yes. No appeal is necessary.

#### What happens if I don't get back on track after my warning semester?

You will automatically lose your financial aid eligibility at the College. All of your classes will be dropped unless you make payments from personal resources. You may submit a *financial aid reinstatement appeal* if you can provide documentation of an extenuating situation. Download the Financial Aid Reinstatement Form from [www.ccp.edu](http://www.ccp.edu).

#### What is a probationary condition plan?

If your financial aid appeal is approved, you will be required to meet the terms and conditions laid out for you to continue receiving financial aid.

#### Can I get my financial aid back if I lose it?

If you lose your financial aid, you can still attend the College, but you will have to find another way to pay your tuition and fees. When you are again meeting the minimum academic standards, you can reapply for financial aid.

#### Who can I contact if I have a question?

Please e-mail [financialaid@ccp.edu](mailto:financialaid@ccp.edu) or call (215) 751-8271 if you have a financial aid question. If you need assistance with selecting courses or need counseling, please contact the Counseling Department at (215) 751-8169 or stop by Room W2-2.