

# *Cumberland County College*

## *Academic Standards & Satisfactory Academic Progress*

All students must maintain a minimum credit completion rate and a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) for satisfactory academic progress. The standards for both of these areas must be achieved by students for satisfactory academic standing. Students who achieve at a level below the standards for credit completion rate or grade point average (GPA), will be placed on academic probation. Students placed on academic probation who do not improve to or above the standards for these areas in their next semester (fall/spring) of enrollment, will be considered to be making unsatisfactory academic progress and will be placed on academic suspension.

The satisfactory credit completion rate is successful completion of 67% or more of all credits (most recent and previous semesters) attempted. Successful completion is the receipt of an A, B, C, D or P grade. Student credit completion rate will be reviewed after students have attempted twelve or more total credits. The first twelve credits attempted are included in the total credit completion rate calculation.

The minimum grade point average (GPA) standard is a 1.8 for students with twelve to thirty-five (12 to 35) degree credits completed and a 2.0 for students with thirty-six (36) or more degree credits completed. Completed degree credits include all credits (most recent and previous semesters) that have been calculated in the student's grade point average (GPA). A minimum grade point average (GPA) standard is not required until the student has completed twelve or more degree credits. The first twelve (12) degree credits are calculated in the cumulative grade point average (GPA).

### **Academic Probation**

Students whose cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the end of the fall or spring semester falls below 1.8 at the completion of twelve to thirty-five (12 to 35) degree credits, or below 2.0 at the completion of thirty-six (36) or more degree credits, will be placed on academic probation. In addition, students must have successfully completed, at the end of the fall or spring semester, 67% or more of all credits attempted. Failure to maintain the cumulative grade point average (GPA) or credit completion rate minimum standards will cause student to be placed on academic probation.

Students on academic probation are required to consult with their academic advisor to review their probationary status. The appropriate courses and number of credits to be taken by probationary students will be determined by the academic advisor after an Academic Review is completed. Students on Probation will not be able to register online until this review is completed.

### **Academic Suspension**

Students on academic probation must achieve the minimum standards for grade point average (GPA) and credit completion rate in their next semester (fall/spring). Probationary students failing to meet the minimum standards will be suspended from the College. Academic suspension is for the period of one calendar year.

### **APPEAL PROCESS**

Students who have experienced unusual circumstances (*e.g., hospitalization, illness, personal difficulties*) which have caused their low academic performance, may appeal their academic status in writing. **Students who have been academically suspended MUST request readmission in writing and provide supporting documentation. Appeals can be addressed to Director of Admissions & Registration.** Verbal appeals will not be accepted. Students must submit official transcripts from any other college(s) attended since their suspension.

Information regarding circumstances and documentation concerning the student's situation will be reviewed by the Director of Admissions and Registration. Students will receive the appeal decision in writing within 2-3 weeks. Students may appeal the decision of the Director to the Student Development Council by contacting the council chairperson.