

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) (Applicable to RN-BSN, ADN, and PN programs)

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) must be maintained by all students using financial aid at Centra College. The SAP policy is for financial aid purposes and operates independently from the Academic Standing requirements for each program. For the purpose of SAP, a student's progress is measured quantitatively (time frame) and qualitatively (grade) and is evaluated at the end of each semester. Failure to meet any SAP standard will result in the student being placed on financial aid warning for the subsequent term, during which time the student will remain eligible for Title IV funding. A student on financial aid warning will have one semester to reestablish SAP before being placed on financial aid suspension. A student on financial aid suspension will not be eligible for Title IV funds for any subsequent semesters until SAP is reestablished or by obtaining a granted SAP appeal.

The student will receive written notification of financial aid warning and suspension. If a student who is placed on financial aid suspension wishes to appeal the decision, the student should reach out to the Office of Financial Aid to officially request an appeal. The student will be required to submit a signed and dated statement of appeal, including the reason for failure to meet SAP (e.g., health issues, accident, death in the family, etc.), a detailed plan of action for regaining SAP, and any requested supporting documentation. If approved, the student will be placed on financial aid probation and the student's aid eligibility will be reinstated from the date of the granted appeal until the date of the next SAP evaluation. While on probation, the student must maintain a 75% completion rate or better and a GPA of .25 above the standard requirement for the program. If the student fails to meet these standards while on probation, the student will be placed back on financial aid suspension and will not be eligible for Title IV funding. If the student regains SAP at a subsequent evaluation, the student will be placed on good standing and will regain Title IV eligibility.

The following standards are used for verification of Satisfactory Academic Progress:

1. Cumulative grade point average (GPA)

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for Centra College courses. If the GPA falls below a 3.0 at the end of the payment period, the student will be placed on financial aid warning for the following payment period. If the cumulative GPA is less than 3.0 after the subsequent payment period the student will be placed on financial aid suspension and will not be eligible for Title IV funds. When a course is repeated, only the most recent course grade will be used to calculate the cumulative GPA. For more on repeated courses, please refer to the "Non-Punitive / Repeated Courses" policy.

2. Completion rate

Students must maintain a 67% completion rate for all cumulatively attempted credits for the program (including transfer credits). If at any time the student does not achieve a 67% completion rate, the student will be placed on financial aid warning for the following payment period. If the student does not achieve a 67% cumulative completion rate after the financial aid warning period, the student will be placed on financial aid suspension for subsequent payment periods and will not be eligible for Title IV funds. Grades of C, D, F, Unsatisfactory (U), Withdrawn (W), Withdrawn Failing (WF), Withdrawn Passing (WP) or Incomplete (I) are considered attempted, unearned credits and are counted against the completion rate. All repeated courses count toward the overall completion rate.

3. Maximum allowable time frame for program completion

Students must complete all academic requirements within 150% of the published length of the program. The length of the program is determined by the number of credit hours it takes to graduate from the program. Transfer credits accepted toward completion of the program and credits attempted while enrolled at the College, including repeated courses, will count toward the 150% of the program length. Should a student exceed 150% of the program credits required for completion, the student will not be eligible for Title IV funds.

Qualitative and quantitative standards are used to judge a student's academic progress. This evaluation is cumulative and must include all periods of the student's enrollment, even periods in which the student did not receive federal financial aid. In accordance with federal regulations, Centra College uses the cumulative grade point average as a qualitative measure. In addition, quantitative measures include the percent of credits completed and the maximum number of allowable credit hours required to complete a degree or certificate program.

Minimum Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress

Program	Total Semester Credit Hours Needed for Graduation (with prerequisites and corequisites)	Maximum Number of Attempted Credit Hours (Including prerequisites and corequisites)	Minimum Required Cumulative Grade Point Average
RN to BSN	120	180	3.0
ADN	67	100	3.0
PN	50	75	3.0