

# PVCC Financial Aid

## Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

### GPA Requirements (GPA Rule)

In order to remain eligible for financial aid, students must meet minimum cumulative grade point average requirements based on a progressive scale. Only non-remedial courses with grades of A, B, C, D, and F are included in this calculation. Withdrawal grades are included in the Total Number of Credits Attempted. Transfer credits are excluded. **In order to graduate, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is required.**

Credit Hours Attempted	Minimum Required GPA
1-15	1.50
16-30	1.75
>31	2.00

### Completion Rate (67% Rule)

Students must receive satisfactory grades in 67% of cumulative credits attempted. This evaluation is made prior to financial aid being awarded and after grades are posted at the end of each semester a student is enrolled at the College. Credits with satisfactory grades are those for which a grade of A, B, C, D, S or P is earned. Developmental and ESL coursework are included in this calculation. Accepted transfer credits will be counted as both attempted and completed.

### Maximum Hours (150% Rule)

In order to continue to receive financial aid, a student must complete his or her program of study before 150% of the credits required have been attempted. Developmental and ESL course work are excluded in this calculation. Attempted credits from all enrollment periods plus all accepted transfer credits are counted. All terms of enrollment are included whether or not the student received financial aid and regardless of the age of the coursework

### Developmental and ESL Courses

Students may receive financial aid for a maximum of 30 semester hours of Developmental Studies courses as long as the student is in an eligible program of study and SAP requirements continue to be met. ESL credits are unlimited in numbers as long as they are taken as part of an eligible program and SAP requirements continue to be met.

### Financial Aid Warning Status

Students who fail to meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP) for the first time will be automatically placed in a Warning Status for **one (1) term** and are expected to meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP) requirements by the end of that term. Students who fail to meet satisfactory academic progress requirements at the end of the warning status term will lose their eligibility for financial aid.

### Financial Aid Probation Status

Students who have successfully appealed the loss of their financial aid are placed on probation. Students on probation are eligible to receive financial aid for one (1) semester, after which they **MUST** be meeting all of the satisfactory academic progress standards OR the requirements of an academic progress plan that was pre-approved by the Financial Aid Office

### Financial Aid Suspension Status

Students who do not meet the credit progress schedule and/or the cumulative grade point average standard, or who fail to meet the requirements of their pre-approved academic progress plan will be placed in suspension status and are not eligible for financial aid.



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### **Repeated Coursework**

Students can repeat courses with financial aid until successfully completed. There is no limit assuming all other SAP requirements are met. Students may only repeat a passed course once as long as it is in order to meet an academic standard (i.e., a higher grade is required for their program of study). Repeated coursework will be included in the evaluation of completion rate and maximum timeframe. Only the latest grade will count towards the cumulative grade point average.

### **Appeals**

Under certain circumstances, students who fail to meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP) standards and lose eligibility for financial aid can appeal the financial aid suspension. Appeals will be evaluated by the Financial Aid Office and all decisions are final.

A link to the complete Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy can be found at: [www.pvcc.edu/sap](http://www.pvcc.edu/sap)