Policy Name: Academic Progression

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1. Policy

Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) establishes academic conditions that determine a student’s scholastic standing at the College.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe the academic conditions which are considered unsatisfactory and jeopardize a student’s scholastic standing at the College.

1. Scope

This policy applies to all students of SCHS.

1. Definitions

**Good Academic Standing** – is a designation indicating that a student has a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and is eligible to continue or re-enroll at the College.

**Academic Warning** – is a designation indicating that a student has failed to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. The term for Academic Warning may not exceed one semester (fall, spring, or summer).

**Academic Dismissal** – is a designation indicating that a student has failed to return to Good Academic Standing at the end of a term in Academic Warning and/or has achieved failure as designated in section V of this policy.

**Academic Probation**

Academic Probation – is a designation indicating that a student has failed to return to Good Academic Standing at the end of a period of Academic Warning. The term for Academic Probation may not exceed one semester, fall, spring, or summer.

1. Policy Details

A student who is enrolled at SCHS is in Good Academic Standing until such time the student is placed on academic warning or dismissal.

**Academic Warning**

A student is placed on Academic Warning when the student’s cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 at the conclusion of any semester of attendance – fall, spring, or summer. Notification of warning appears on the student’s academic record. A student remains on Academic Warning for one semester of attendance, at the end of which time the student must obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Failure to achieve this GPA results in the student being placed on Academic Probation.

**Academic Probation**

A student is placed on Academic Probation when the student’s cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two successive semesters of attendance, including the summer semester. Notification of probation appears on the student’s academic record. A student who achieves a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is removed from Academic Probation. Failure to achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA while on probation results in Academic Dismissal.

**Academic Dismissal**

A student is academically dismissed from the College for any one the following reasons:

* Failure to achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA while on Academic Warning.
* Any two course failures (grade D, F).
* Any two course withdrawals (grade W).
	+ Imaging Programs: Withdrawing from all courses within a semester will be counted as one withdrawal on student academic record
* Any one course failure and any one course withdrawal.
* Failure to complete the enrolled program within the timeframes specified in this policy.

A student who is academically dismissed is not eligible for readmission to the program (ADM 3.11 College Admissions/Readmissions) and must submit all college and clinical affiliate student issued identification badges and access cards.

**Maximum Time Frame**

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

The normal time to complete the program is 4 semesters upon registration in the first course. Students must complete the academic program within three (3) years and no more than 150% of the published program length, as measured in credit hours (maximum time frame). The maximum time frame is 100 credit hours (67 credit hours published program length \* 150%).

Nursing

The normal time to complete the program is 5 semesters upon registration in the first course. Students must complete the academic program within three- and three-quarter (3.75) years and no more than 150% of the published program length, as measured in credit hours (maximum time frame). The maximum time frame is 108 credit hours (72 credit hours published program length 150%).

Radiation Sciences

The normal time to complete the program is 5 semesters upon registration in the first course. Students must complete the academic program within three- and three-quarter (3.75) years and no more than 150% of the published program length, as measured in credit hours (maximum time frame). The maximum time frame is 124 credit hours (83 credit hours published program length 150%).

For information regarding impact of academic progress on eligibility for Title IV Financial Aid, refer to ADM 2.06 Satisfactory Academic Progress.

1. Attachments

None.

1. Related Policies

ACA 1.02 Core Performance Standards

ACA 3.01 Pre-requisites and Co-requisites

ACA 3.06 College Grading System

ADM 2.06 Satisfactory Academic Progress

ADM 3.11 College Admissions/Readmissions

1. Disclaimers

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between SCHS and any party. SCHS, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

1. Version Control

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