

Policies for Good Academic Standing

Graduate Programs: Master of nursing & Doctor of Physical Therapy

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Eligibility

Federal and State student aid programs require that students make satisfactory progress toward completion of their program of study in order to be eligible for assistance.

There are four parts to the determination of satisfactory academic progress:

A minimum grade point average (GPA) that must be achieved,

A minimum number of credits that must be earned,

A minimum number of percentage of courses that must be completed,

A maximum time frame in which the program must be completed.

The exact GPA, number of credits earned and percentage of courses that must be completed are outlined below for each payment period (federal aid) or semester (state aid). Also, the maximum time frame for each degree program is outlined.

An overall average of “B” or better must be maintained in order to remain eligible for federal student aid. Upstate recognizes that advancement toward a degree is progressive. Students who meet the standards outlined here will be considered to have achieved standards consistent with graduation requirements.

A Maximum time limit of five years is permitted for completion of the Masters of Science degree. It's important for students to be aware of the effect of their academic progress on eligibility for financial aid. Decisions to withdraw from courses, drop below full time enrollment status, or other changes may negatively impact financial aid. In addition, the professional nature of the curriculums at Upstate limits flexibility to modify programs of study. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with both their academic advisor and the Financial aid Office BEFORE withdrawing from courses or making other changes in their academic program.

An overall average of “B” or better must be maintained. A maximum time limit of five years is permitted for completion of the Masters of Science degree.

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Doctor of Physical Therapy

A maximum time limit of 5 years is permitted for completion of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree.

College of Graduate Studies: Ph.D. & MS

Students enrolled in the College of Graduate Studies pursue individualized programs of study. These programs, and the schedule for their completion, are established by the student's faculty advisor and filed with the Dean of the College and the Registrar. The

faculty advisor will notify the Dean and the Registrar if the student is not maintaining progress according to his or her schedule. An overall average of "B" or better must be maintained. A maximum time limit of seven years is permitted for completion of the Ph.D degree; up to five years is permitted for completion of the Master of Science degree. These limits may be extended by the Dean of the College in individual cases.

Eligibility to receive financial aid from New York State is determined in accordance with the following charts that have been approved for the State University of New York by the State Education Department:

Standard of Satisfactory Academic Progress for Purpose of Determining Eligibility for Student Aid All Campuses*** State University of New York

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