



SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

Federal and State student aid programs require that students maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to be eligible for financial aid. In order to comply with these requirements for federal student aid, the following policies have been adopted.

Different policies exist for each colleges at the SUNY Upstate Medical University. Generally, however, the policies consist of four parts; a minimum grade point average (GPA) that students must achieve; a minimum number of credits that must be earned each term; a minimum percentage of courses that must be completed each term; and a maximum time frame in which the program must be completed.

By the end of the second year of study at the SUNY Upstate Medical University, all students must have achieved a "C" average (2.0) or standards consistent with graduation requirements in order to remain eligible for federal student aid. The SUNY Upstate Medical University 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. 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 the SUNY Upstate Medical University limits flexibility to modify programs of study. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with the Financial Aid Office BEFORE withdrawing from courses or making other changes in their academic program. Appeals should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office, who will make recommendations for adjudication to the Dean of Student Affairs.

LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPEALS

Students who fail to meet the academic progress standards outlined will be ineligible for federal and/or state aid for the next payment period or academic term. The financial Aid Office will notify any students who lose eligibility for aid. Students may appeal the loss of eligibility. Appeals will be approved when circumstances beyond the student's control contributed to academic problems. Appeals should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office, who will make

recommendations for adjudication to the Dean of Student Affairs. Otherwise, eligibility for aid will be restored when the student has regained satisfactory academic progress.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS -
FEDERAL STUDENT AID:**

MS, MPT, DPT Degrees College of Health Professions & Nursing

An overall average of "B" or better must be maintained. A maximum time limit of five years is permitted for completion of a Degree these degree programs.

College of Graduate Studies

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.

NY STATE STUDENT AID POLICES

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. New York State does not impose a maximum time frame for completion of the degree program. Students may receive up to the maximum number of payments so long as they continue to meet the other satisfactory academic progress requirements. Standard of Satisfactory Academic Progress for Purpose of Determining Eligibility for NYS Student Aid All Campuses – State University of New York.

Calendar Semester Programs: All Graduate Level Programs except Medicine

BEFORE BEING CERTIFIED FOR THIS PAYMENT	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth
A STUDENT MUST HAVE ACCRUED AT LEAST THIS MANY CREDITS	0	6	12	21	30	45	60	75

WITH AT LEAST THIS GRADE POINT AVERAGE	.00	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
PERCENTAGE OF CREDITS COMPLETED IN THE PRIOR TERMS	NA	50%	50%	75%	75%	100%	100%	100%