

DEVOS GRADUATE SCHOOL

Satisfactory Academic Progress-Financial Aid

A student receiving federal, state and/or Northwood financial aid must maintain satisfactory academic progress to retain financial aid. Standards of Academic Progress will be applied at the end of each term.

Definitions – A passing grade is an A, B, C, or a D, including pluses and minuses. Marks of W, I, and F are considered attempted and non-passing for purposes of financial aid probation and reinstatement. X grades will not be considered as attempted. Repeat classes will be assessed as new classes.

Transfer Student Financial Aid Eligibility Policy

A student enrolling at Northwood University for the first time is assumed to be making satisfactory progress for Title IV purposes regardless of whether he or she had prior postsecondary experience.

Change of Satisfactory Academic Progress Status

Satisfactory Academic Progress status is determined when grades are reported at the end of each term. Although a student's cumulative grade point average or earned credits may change within a term (e.g., by recording a final grade in place of an I), for financial aid purposes, the student's academic progress status is not changed until the next official grade reporting period during which the student is enrolled.

Length of Financial Aid Eligibility (Quantitative)

The length of eligibility is based on a student's total academic record starting with the entry date at Northwood and includes transfer hours from other institutions. A student may receive financial aid for no more than a maximum of 150% of their program length. Northwood University has determined that in order to comply with this requirement students must earn 67% of hours attempted. This measurement will be applied on a term-to-term basis, as well as to a student's cumulative academic record.

Cumulative Grade Point Average Requirement (Qualitative)

The student must achieve and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average. In the event the student does not maintain this minimum requirement, the student will be placed on financial aid probation.



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Waiver of Requirement Provision

The Financial Aid Administrator has the discretion to waive the requirements (for financial aid purposes) in the event of mitigating circumstances that are of a catastrophic nature. Examples of catastrophic circumstances would be the serious illness of the student or the death of a student's relative. The requirement may also be waived if other special circumstances exist. Normally, third party documentation will be required.

Financial Aid Probation

A student placed on financial aid probation will be allowed to continue to receive financial aid for one (1) term. At the end of that term the student must meet all the requirements previously described. If the requirements are not met, all financial aid will be suspended. The student shall be notified in writing when placed on financial aid probation or suspension. Students must meet qualitative and quantitative measurements of progress.

Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility

A student who has been suspended from financial aid may be reinstated after meeting all of the requirements. Aid granted after reinstatement will begin the next term of enrollment and will be based on funds available at the time.

Appeal Process

A student suspended from financial aid may submit a written appeal to the Academic Dean. The appeal must describe the extenuating circumstances in detail, and should be documented. The Academic Dean will consult with the Financial Aid Administrator prior to a final decision. The Academic Dean will respond in writing. Students should note that the standards described are the minimum level of performance necessary for the continuation of financial aid. Some scholarship, grant, and loan programs may impose higher standards of performance for continued eligibility. The above standards are subject to change as per federal guidelines. The Financial Aid Office will notify students of any such changes.