

**SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS****REASON FOR POLICY**

Mercer County Community College complies with the U. S. Department of Education and the New Jersey Office of Higher Education Department of Education requirement that all students who receive financial aid must make Satisfactory Academic Progress toward degree or certificate completion within a specified number of credits. Financial Aid includes but may not be limited to: Pell, SEOG, Federal Direct Loans, State Grants and College Work Study.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

- A. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is the measure of a student's academic progress as established by Mercer County Community College. As per federal regulations, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate and must complete their educational program within 150% of the published credits required for their educational program.
- B. The Academic Status Table specified in the College Catalog is based upon the number of attempted credit hours. Courses from which students withdraw will not be considered as earned credits but do count as attempted and count in the financial aid grade point average.
- C. Financial aid will not cover more than 30 semester hours of remedial courses.
- D. Students may appeal status but the submission of an appeal does not guarantee reinstatement of eligibility for financial aid.
- E. Academic Advisement throughout the student's academic pursuits must guide the student's progress.
- F. Established procedure for Satisfactory Academic Progress may be found on the Financial Aid Webpage under [Academic Requirements](#).

Approved:

Board of Trustees

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