Academic Warning, Probation and Dismissal (AWP)
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does AWP mean?
AWP (Academic Warning, Probation & Dismissal) is a “shorthand” way of grouping students who are not meeting standards of academic progress and for the process used to address the needs of these students.

2. Will my academic status appear on my official transcript sent to other colleges?
No.

3. If I’m on dismissal can I return to Mercer County Community College (MCCC) immediately or do I have to sit out a semester?
According to the MCCC college catalog, the enrollment of a student on dismissal is prohibited for one (1) full semester; however, a student has the right to appeal this status.

4. How can I determine my academic status?
Both your grade point average (GPA) and the number of credits you have attempted at MCCC affect your academic status (refer to the college catalog—http://www.mccc.edu/welcome_catalog.shtml. “Student Academic Standing Policy,” for more details.

5. How do I appeal my academic status?
Contact the Retention Services office at (609)570-3423 to schedule an appointment.

6. I am on probation but need to be a fulltime student because I’m being carried on my parents insurance.
See Student Academic Standing Policy in the college catalog and discuss with a counselor by calling (609)570-3423.

7. Why do I have to attend a Back on Track workshop?
You have to attend a Back on Track workshop to become more familiar with MCCC policy and procedures and to enhance your academic skills.

8. Why do “W” grades count against me?
   “W” grades count against you because they indicate that you did not successfully complete part of the combined number of credits attempted required to be making satisfactory academic progress.

9. How do I manage conflict between AWP requirements and Finance Aid requirements?
   There is no conflict, if you meet requirements to remain eligible for financial aid, you have met MCCC requirements.

10. Will my status automatically be changed if I attend a Back on Track workshop?
    No, after completing the workshop you must schedule an appointment with a counselor to discuss your unique circumstances and develop an academic success plan.

11. Do I need to be in the workshop for the entire one (1) hours for it to count as attending?
    Yes.

12. I have a high grade point average, why am I on warning?
    Refer to the MCCC college catalog, “Student Academic Standing Policy.”