

LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
Policy # 1.006

Title: Academic Renewal

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- A. Policy. Each LCTCS institution may have a policy to provide students an opportunity to restart their academic record after a break in enrollment and a demonstration of academic maturation through performance upon reenrollment. Academic Renewal is for students who had an unsuccessful start in a degree or certificate program and stopped out for a period of at least two years, without enrolling in an academic, for credit program at any college or university.

The institution shall establish a procedure for students to apply for a fresh start through Academic Renewal, including deadlines and an application that requires evidence that conditions have changed and that there is a reasonable expectation of satisfactory performance. The institution shall make it clear that an application does not ensure approval; rather, each application must be evaluated on its merits and approved only when the student convincingly demonstrates potential for success. If the application is denied, the student does have the right to appeal that decision to the appropriate campus administrator.

The following minimum criteria shall be met for Academic Renewal:

1. No less than one semester must elapse between the end of the semester in which the student was last registered for credit at any postsecondary institution and the re-enrollment under Academic Renewal.
2. The student must be matriculated into a program.
3. Upon re-enrollment, the student must demonstrate academic success as defined by the college.
4. If granted, Academic Renewal will be noted upon the transcript.
5. Courses taken before the minimum one semester enrollment absence will count toward the degree or certificate and be included in the cumulative GPA if the grade earned was "C" or better.
6. Courses taken before the minimum one semester enrollment absence for which the student earned a grade lower than "C" will not count toward a degree or certificate and will not be included in the cumulative GPA.
7. Courses and grades will still be listed on the transcript and included in the student completion rate, but will be excluded from the cumulative GPA.

8. Students will be considered for Academic Renewal subject to an approved application.

Academic Renewal granted at/by an institution within LCTCS shall be accepted and honored system-wide.

Students must be advised that a non-LCTCS institution may choose to not accept, in transfer, Academic Renewal granted by another institution. Students must be encouraged to investigate the impact of the Academic Renewal policy if they plan to transfer to another institution outside of LCTCS. All transcripts must be provided as part of the admission process, but transfer institutions may compute the undergraduate GPA based on all hours attempted, regardless of policies or provisions granted by institutions of prior enrollment. Students must also be advised of the impact Academic Renewal will have on federal and state financial aid.

B. System Approval. Each institution will submit its proposed Academic Renewal policy to the LCTCS staff office for verification of compliance with this policy.