

FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Calculation: Each semester, students are expected to successfully complete:

1. Column A: the minimum credits for the enrollment status upon which their financial aid package was calculated (or for students who have not used financial aid, the amount of credits in which they were enrolled after the add/drop period concludes); and,
2. Column B: 67% of all credits attempted each semester

Minimum Required Semester Achievements

<u>Enrollment Status Packaging Calculation</u>	A.) <u>Enrollment Status Min Credits to Complete</u>	&	B.) <u>% of all credits attempted each semester</u>
Full Time (12.0+)	12.0 credits	&	67.0% of all credits attempted
Three Quarter Time (9.0-11.5 credits)	9.0 credits	&	67.0% of all credits attempted
Half Time (6.0-8.5 credits)	6.0 credits	&	67.0% of all credits attempted
<Half Time (0.5-5.5 credits)	0.5 credits	&	67.0% of all credits attempted

Successful completion of coursework is defined as courses finished with grades of A, B, C, D, P or S (satisfactory in a pass/fail course). Grades/outcomes of F, W,

Eligibility Loss Due to Semester GPA or semester Completion Pace Deficiencies (two options)

1. Self-Rehabilitation

Summary: Students may regain eligibility after meeting prescribed academic accomplishments without the use of federal student aid programs.

Calculation: Successfully complete (A, B, C, D, P, or S) a minimum of 12.0 credits at NWC, without the use of federal student aid, while earning both semester and cumulative Grade Point Averages (GPA) of at least 2.0 and achieving required Completion Pace standards (successful completion of at least 67.0% of all semester credits attempted and successful

calculated or, if the student has not received federal aid previously, the amount of credits in which they were enrolled after the add/drop period concludes).

Once the student believes they have met all self-rehabilitation requirements, the student must request an eligibility review from the FA Office (in writing). The Financial Aid Office will reinstate eligibility once it confirms the accomplishment.

performed on that one semester to determine if the student qualifies for aid eligibility reinstatement.

Students who complete 12.0 or more credits spread over multiple semesters will have those semesters merged and the student qualifies for aid eligibility reinstatement.

Students who attempt self-rehabilitation and do not achieve the required SAP accomplishments (stated in the student must extend their rehabilitation period until such time as the requirements are achieved and re-request an eligibility review from the Financial Aid Office.

2. Appeal for Eligibility Reinstatement

Summary: On an individual basis, the FA Office may approve a written student appeal for reinstated federal student aid eligibility for a maximum of one semester.

Calculation: Students must file an Financial Aid Appeal for consideration. See *Financial Aid Appeal* section for definition and conditions. If approved, student will be placed on *Financial Aid Probation*. See *Financial Aid Probation* for definitions and conditions.

Eligibility Loss Due to Exceeding Maximum Timeframe (one option)

3. Appeal for Continued Eligibility

Summary: On an individual basis, students may have their federal student aid eligibility reinstated for a prescribed period of time as the result of an approved written appeal.

Calculation: During the first semester where eligibility has been reinstated, the student is not placed on probation but is instead expected to satisfy components of a financial aid academic plan. Financial Aid Academic Plans consist of six requirements:

1. Successfully complete (A, B, C, D, P, or S) a specified list of courses during the first semester where eligibility has been reinstated.

WHAT IS A FINANCIAL AID APPEAL?

Students may appeal for eligibility reinstatement after failing to achieve the SAP standards for two consecutive semesters or continuation of federal financial aid eligibility. Maximum Timeframe allowance. The written appeal application must include SAP standards or caused the student to exceed the Maximum Timeframe allowance (see *Financial Aid Appeal Policy* definitions of valid vs. invalid extenuating circumstances). Appeal criteria, requirements, and documentation expectations are defined on the *Financial Aid Appeal Form* and should be thoroughly reviewed by the student. Financial Aid appeal forms are available in the FA Office or on the nwc.edu/faforms.

SAP DEFINITIONS

Students who apply for federal student aid are placed into one of these four categories based on their academic accomplishments.

Financial Aid – Satisfactory

A student has meet all SAP requirements (two quantitative and three qualitative) after the conclusion of the semester and is in satisfactory financial aid standing. Satisfactory students remain eligible for federal student aid for their next semester of enrollment.

Financial Aid – Warning

At the end of the semester where a student does not achieve one or more of the required SAP components, the student is considered to be on *Financial Aid – Warning* status and notified in writing. The student is placed on *Financial Aid – Warning* semester. During the *Financial Aid – Warning* semester, the student must raise both the semester

selections