# Aiken Technical College Procedure

**Title:** SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR FINANCIAL AID  
**Procedure Number:** 5-6-104.1  
**Institutional Authority:** Chief Student Services Officer

**Associated SBTCE Policy/Procedure:**  
**Governing ATC Policy:** 5-6-104

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**Approved:**
- **President:** [Signature]  
- **Chief Student Services Officer:** [Signature]

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## DISCLAIMER

Pursuant to Section 41-1-110 of the Code of Laws of SC, as amended, the language used in this document does not create an employment contract between the employee and the agency.

## CRITERIA

A student must meet Aiken Technical College (ATC) Financial Aid satisfactory academic progress standards (SAP) in order to continue to receive financial aid under the Federal Pell Grant, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program, the Federal Direct Loan Program, the South Carolina Need Based Grant (SCNBG), the South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SC-CAPS) and the South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (SCLTAP). Specifically, a student attempting six or more credit hours:

1. Must satisfactorily complete at least 67 percent of all credit hours attempted at ATC;
2. Must maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA;
3. Must not have changed academic programs more than three times without completing a program; and
4. Must not have exceeded 150 percent of published academic program length.
Students receiving SC Lottery Tuition Assistance only need to maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA after attempting 24 credit hours.

PROCEDURE

Students who meet the above criteria may receive financial aid for which they are eligible while attending ATC. Failure to meet any of the above criteria following one term of attendance at ATC in warning status will result in the termination of the student's eligibility for future financial aid awards.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring academic credit to ATC from other institutions will only receive credit for courses with grades of "C" or better. Transfer students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and satisfactorily complete at least 67 percent of all credit hours attempted at ATC.

APPEALS

Students who are terminated from receiving financial aid may appeal that decision in writing to the Director of Financial Aid. The Director of Financial Aid will render a decision in writing to the student. If the Director of Financial Aid does not approve the appeal, the student may further appeal to the Chief Student Services Officer. The decision of the Chief Student Services Officer will be final.