

“Students receiving Title IV financial aid are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress”

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Blue Ridge CTC requires Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to receive the following:

- ⇒ Federal Pell Grant
- ⇒ Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- ⇒ Federal Work-Study/Student Employment
- ⇒ Federal Direct Stafford Loan
- ⇒ Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
- ⇒ State Grant Programs—WV & PA



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Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)



How to Keep Your Financial Aid

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SAP Standards

Federal regulations require Blue Ridge CTC to establish Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards for all students in eligible degree or certificate programs who wish to receive financial aid.

In order to receive financial aid funding, student must meet all of the following standards:

GPA Standard– 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA). This includes grades transferred from other institutions

Percentage Standard—pass at least 67% of the credit hours that are attempted. This includes pass/fail hours, transfer hours, and the following:

F Failure	I Incomplete
IF Incomplete/Failure	W Withdrawal
R Repeat	

Maximum Hours—Complete degree/certificate program within 150% of the usual hours required by the program. Students who are within 15 credits of hitting the maximum hours standard are checked at the end of each semester for continued eligibility.

WARNING SEMESTER

Any student not meeting the GPA and/or Percentage standard of SAP will be automatically given a warning period of one semester, during which they will have eligibility for financial aid. Those who are given a warning semester will be notified through their Blue Ridge e-mail account.

Those who are within 15 credits of reaching the maximum hours standard will be notified via their Blue Ridge e-mail account and then continuously monitored each semester for continued eligibility.

SUSPENSION

Students who do not meet the SAP standard of GPA and/or Percentage after the warning period ends are suspended from financial aid eligibility. Those on suspension will be notified in writing.

Those students who reach or exceed the maximum hours component of SAP will be suspended from financial aid eligibility. Those on suspension will be notified in writing.

REGAINING ELIGIBILITY

If a student becomes ineligible for financial aid due to SAP, the student can regain eligibility by (1) achieving a minimum 2.0 minimum GPA and/or (2) passing at least 67% of the credit hours that are attempted.

A student must complete courses at his or her own expense. Eligibility cannot be re-established simply by being out of school for a set amount of time or by paying for a certain number of courses.

APPEALING FOR ELIGIBILITY

Students may appeal suspension of financial aid based on extenuating circumstances which include, but are not limited to:

- Death of an immediate family member
- Illness/injury of student or immediate family member
- Change in work schedule/unemployment
- Large number of transfer credits.

The student **MUST** provide documentation of the appeal circumstances along with a SAP appeal form. For maximum hours, students must complete an academic plan with an advisor. All appeals are considered on a case-by-case basis and are reviewed by a SAP Appeal Committee. Committee decisions are final.



This information is subject to change for reasons related to changes in Federal and State regulations. This brochure is a summary of the SAP policy. Additional information is available regarding the SAP policy, status determination, and deadlines in the Office of Financial Aid.