FINAID: SAP Policy Update

The Office of Student Financial Services is required by federal regulations to determine if a student will not earn a degree prior to or at the maximum timeframe allowed. At the time of determination (checkpoint) the student will lose eligibility for financial aid if a degree will not be earned by the allowed financial aid maximum timeframe. Federal regulations require students to comply with the standards of academic progress as defined by the Office of Student Financial Services.

The maximum timeframe allowed to receive financial aid per program of study is as follows:

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Maximum Hours</th>
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<td>Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science</td>
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<td>Sign Language Interpreting Certificate</td>
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<td>Fire Management Certificate</td>
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<td>Library and Information Science Certificate</td>
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<td>Radiologic Technology</td>
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*The standard hours to complete most programs is 62-64 hours. If your program exceeds the standard 62-64, then you may submit a financial aid appeal for the additional hours beyond the maximum timeframe of 93 hours.

Effective Spring 2014, all enrolled students that are identified as approaching the maximum timeframe allowed to receive financial aid for his or her program of study will be reviewed to determine if the student will earn a degree prior to, at, or after the maximum allowed hours. This is a pre-review for the Summer 2014 checkpoint.

The Office of Student Financial Services has collaborated with Advising, Counseling, and Retention Services (ACRS) to perform an unofficial graduation audit review of the enrolled students that are approaching the financial aid maximum timeframe for their current program of study.

ACRS will perform the following functions:

1. Complete an unofficial graduation audit review based on the student’s current program of study
2. Place an advisement hold for the student to see an Advisor
3. Contact the student regarding the audit and hold

Student Financial Services will perform the following functions:

1. Review the unofficial graduation audit and the remaining hours to complete the program of study
2. Determine if the student will earn a degree prior to, at, or after the allowed maximum timeframe
3. Notify the student of the results of the review
4. Update the Summer 2014 financial aid academic progress standing to an eligible or ineligible status

If it is determined that a student is considered ineligible for aid, the student may do the following:

- May appeal for reinstatement of financial aid, and
- He/she will be responsible for paying for his/her enrollment

For more information regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress, please visit http://depts.gpc.edu/~finaid/SAP.htm. In order to obtain an appeal form, please visit http://depts.gpc.edu/~finaid/printableforms.htm.

If you need additional assistance with financial aid please call 678-891-3535 or email the Office of Student Financial Services at finaid@gpc.edu.

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