

**DeSales University
Graduate Student
Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress**

In order to retain eligibility for federal financial aid, graduate students, other than those in the Physician Assistant program, must maintain acceptable academic standing in their graduate degree program. The cumulative GPA and credit completion rate requirements are on a graduated scale as follows:

ATTEMPTED CREDITS	CUMULATIVE GPA REQUIREMENT	COMPLETION RATE REQUIREMENT
9-18	2.75	50%
19-28	2.85	67%
> 28	3.0	67%

Physician Assistant students attend full-time and must attend a specific sequence of coursework in order to progress. As a result, they must meet the following requirements:

PERIOD	CUMULATIVE GPA REQUIREMENT	COMPLETION RATE REQUIREMENT
FA/SP	2.60	50%
SU/FA	2.75	67%
SP/SU	3.0	67%

Satisfactory Academic Progress is reviewed once a year at the end of the spring term.

The completion rate is calculated as the number of passed credits (credits for which a student earned a passing grade) divided by the number of attempted credits (the total of earned credits, and credits for which a student has received a grade of W, F, FA, FO, WP, or WF). Credits for courses dropped during the published 100% refund period and credits for audited courses are not treated as attempted or earned credits. For courses that have been repeated, attempted and earned, credits for all occurrences are included.

Financial Aid Probation

If a student finds himself or herself on academic probation or not making satisfactory academic progress in a subsequent enrollment period, s/he may appeal to the Financial Aid Committee for one additional enrollment period of financial aid on probation. In order for the financial aid committee to review a student's appeal the following information is needed:

- A written statement from the student explaining why s/he was unable to achieve satisfactory academic standing
- A written plan outlining how he or she will achieve satisfactory academic standing that has been reviewed with an academic advisor or program director;
- One written letter of reference from the academic advisor or program director

Financial Aid Suspension:

No appeal will be granted and other financial arrangements (such as an alternative loan and/or payment plan) must be used if a student finds himself or herself on academic probation and not making satisfactory academic progress in any subsequent enrollment period after s/he has receive a period of financial aid on probation and a period of financial aid on appeal.