Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid

Federal regulations require students to meet satisfactory academic standards in order to receive federal financial assistance. The two standards utilized by the College to determine satisfactory academic progress are quantitative and qualitative.

Quantitative process requires students to pass a minimum number of credit hours. Qualitative progress requires students to earn a predetermined Saint Luke’s College cumulative grade point average. Students must be in compliance with the College’s written standards for both quantitative and qualitative progress to maintain eligibility for any type of federal financial assistance. Students failing to maintain satisfactory academic progress will be ineligible for further federal financial assistance until academic progress guidelines are met. Final quantitative and qualitative progress will be assessed annually.

Saint Luke’s college will attempt to notify students when they have not maintained satisfactory academic progress. However, students are responsible for being aware of the satisfactory academic progress policies and eligibility guidelines even if the College’s notification is not received.

Quantitative Progress

- To be considered making satisfactory quantitative progress, you must successfully complete at least 75 percent of the hours attempted. Failing grades (D, F) or withdrawal (W) will not be computed in the number of hours completed.

Qualitative Progress

- To be considered making satisfactory qualitative progress, you must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00

Maximum Time Frame and Credit Hours

- Students may receive financial assistance for up to one and one half times the normal program length (150 percent). Part time attendance counts in this calculation. The normal program length for an undergraduate degree is 124 credit hours. Only hours applicable to the Saint Luke’s College Bachelor of Science in Nursing will be counted.

Student Financial Appeals Process

- A student who fails to make satisfactory academic progress may appeal, in writing, the loss of eligibility. The appeal must be based on documented mitigating circumstances that were clearly beyond the student’s control. Types of required documentation may include doctor and hospital reports, legal documents, written statement/information from a relative or other official source as deemed appropriate by the Financial Review Committee.

- Written appeals and all supporting documentation must be received by the Financial Aid Office within 14 days prior to the beginning of the semester. The Financial Review Committee will review the written appeal, supporting documentation and notify the student in writing of the appeal decision within 14 days from the date received.

- To appeal the decision of the Financial Review Committee, the student must submit a written appeal and all supporting documentation to the President/Dean’s Office within
seven days from the date on the financial review committee’s written response. The
decision of the President/Dean is final.