Rule: Any student whose declared goal is to earn a degree or certificate and who does not meet the Standards of Academic Progress after his/her first semester will be placed on Academic Warning followed by Academic Probation and leading to possible Academic Suspension. A student’s academic progress is computed at the end of each fall and spring semester. Academic progress is not computed for summer terms and does not affect the student’s enrollment in those terms. Transfer students will be evaluated after his/her first semester at WVNCC.

Standards of Academic Progress Criteria

The criteria for Standards of Academic Progress are:

- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0
- A Semester GPA of at least 2.0.

1. Academic Warning Requirements

A student is placed on Academic Warning for the semester after the student’s cumulative GPA or semester GPA falls below a 2.0. The student will be notified in writing by the Enrollments Management Office and the student is recommended to review his/her status with his/her academic advisor. The student is limited to no more than 12-15 credit hours.
Academic Warning will not be notated on the official college transcript. Students whose cumulative GPA is below a 2.0, particularly due to transfer credits or academic history from the past, but who achieve or maintain a semester GPA of 2.0 will remain on “academic warning” until their cumulative GPA is above 2.0, but will not be subject to academic probation unless a semester GPA falls below the 2.0 requirement.

2. Academic Probation Requirements

If, during the next semester of enrollment after Academic Warning, the student’s semester GPA remains below a 2.0 then the student will be placed on Academic Probation. The student will be notified in writing by the Enrollments Management Office and the student will be required to meet with his/her academic advisor and develop a written Academic Improvement Plan. A signed copy of the Academic Improvement Plan will be provided to the Enrollments Management Office by the advisor. Failure of the student to meet with his/her Academic Advisor or comply with the Academic Improvement Plan will result in a “Hold” being on the student’s next semester registration. The student is limited to no more than 12 credit hours. Academic Probation will not be notated on the official college transcript.

At the end of the semester on Academic Probation, a student who fails to have a 2.0 semester GPA will remain on Academic Probation. The student must again meet with his/her academic advisor and review compliance and/or provide explanation for not successfully meeting the recommendations on the original Academic Improvement Plan. The Academic Advisor will provide an updated copy of the plan and/or additional recommendations to the Enrollments Management Office. The student is limited to no more than 12 credit hours.

Students who have been put on Academic Probation who achieve a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher, but have a cumulative GPA of less than a 2.0 will remain on Academic Probation and must continue to meet with their academic advisor at least twice during a given semester to review their status, and their Academic Improvement Plan and make changes to it as needed. The Academic Advisor will provide an updated copy of the plan to the Enrollments Management Office if needed. If the student has attained a semester GPA of 2.0 but still has a cumulative GPA of below 2.0, the student may be allowed to register for a maximum of 15 credit hours with the academic advisor’s approval.

Students who meet the criteria for Standards of Academic Progress by having both a semester GPA of 2.0 and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 will be removed from Academic Probation and will be reinstated to good academic standing.
3. Academic Suspension Requirements

Students who fail to meet the criteria for Standards of Academic Progress after two consecutive semesters of Academic Probation may be suspended for the next semester from all classes for failure to adhere to the terms and conditions of Standards of Academic Progress. Upon returning to school, if they fail to meet Standards of Academic Progress a third time, they may be suspended for one year. Students who return to school after a period of suspension are still subject to the terms and conditions of the initial notice of Academic Probation unless they appeal the decision in writing to the Committee for Standards of Academic Progress and can show compelling reasons why they should be released from those terms and conditions. Academic Suspension will be notated on all official college transcripts.

Rule Exceptions

This rule does not supercede Standards of Academic Progress for students on financial aid or for students admitted to specific College programs that have his/her own Standards of Academic Progress guidelines, such as those in Health Sciences or due to articulation or 2+2 agreements with other colleges or institutions.

Students who have extenuating circumstances beyond his/her control that led to unsuccessfully completing the required number of credit hours or maintaining Standards of Academic Progress may request a waiver of Academic Probation. This requires a written statement explaining the circumstances and providing evidence of how they will meet Standards of Academic Progress if probation is waived. Decisions on waiver requests will be made by the Committee for Standards of Academic Progress, after consultation with the student’s academic advisor. The decision of the committee is final. A student is allowed only two consecutive waivers in their academic career. Students on Academic Warning are not eligible for waivers.