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## ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SUSPENSION POLICY

### Academic Probation & Suspension

PCC wants you to succeed and encourages you to make responsible academic choices. Therefore, your course load will be appropriately limited as defined in the course load policy (found in the Advising and Registration section of the catalog). In addition, you must maintain at least a 2.000 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) to remain in good standing. A student's academic standing at one college will impact academic standing at another CCCS college.

#### Academic Standings

- **Initial Standing:** Student has attempted **fewer** than 9 cumulative credit hours with a CGPA => 2.000 for all classes attempted.
- **Good Standing:** Student has attempted **at least** 9 cumulative credit hours and has a CGPA => 2.000 for all classes attempted.

*If your CGPA drops below a 2.000, PCC will place you in one of the following categories to encourage you to improve.*

- **Academic Alert:** You have a CGPA lower than 2.000 after attempting 9 credit hours or fewer. You may continue to enroll in classes after you meet with your academic advisor to discuss a plan for academic improvement.
- **Academic Probation:** You have a CGPA lower than 2.000 after completing 9 or more credits in residence at PCC. You may continue to enroll in classes after you meet with your academic advisor to discuss a plan for academic improvement and provided you earn higher than a 2.000 Term GPA (TGPA) in the next full semester.
- **Continuing Academic Probation:** You have a CGPA lower than 2.000 for all courses completed in residence and the last term GPA is 2.000 or higher.
- **Academic Suspension:** If a student on academic probation earns a TGPA of less than 2.000 for all classes attempted, the student will be suspended and will not be allowed to enroll at any CCCS college for the next term, excluding summer term (as summer term may not be used as a "suspension term").

#### Suspension Rules

- Summer term may **not** be used as a "suspension term."
- Summer term may be used to improve the GPA. If a student wishes to enroll for summer term after being suspended, the student will need to follow his or her home institution's process.
- Initial suspension is for one term, excluding summer term.
- A second suspension is for two terms, excluding summer term.
- If a student who has served the suspension time for initial suspension or second suspension wishes to return, he or she will be allowed to re-enroll only after meeting with an academic advisor at the College. The student will be placed on academic probation.
- A third suspension is for two full years or four academic terms, excluding summers.
- If a student who has served the third suspension time of two years wishes to return, the student must meet with an advisor from the College in order to get the suspension hold removed.

**Note:** Academic probation/suspension is different from financial aid warning/probation/ineligibility. Please see the Financial Aid section of this catalog for information about that topic.

#### Academic Appeal

You may appeal an academic decision only if you believe it was based on illegal discrimination or arbitrary and capricious actions. For more information about illegal discrimination, refer to the Grievance Process in the PCC Student Handbook, which you can find at [pueblocc.edu](http://pueblocc.edu) or in hard-copy form in the Dean of Student Success Office. For information about arbitrary and capricious actions, contact the Dean of Student Success Office.