

Review of the Four Components

I. GPA Rule

Make sure your cumulative GPA equals a 2.00 or higher. If your GPA is a 1.99 it is still considered to be below a 2.00. You are required to have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.00 to receive financial aid. Failing to maintain a GPA of 2.00 will result in probation or suspension. Your cumulative GPA can be found at the bottom your transcript. You will see two GPAs, you use the one printed on the bottom.

II. Remediation Rule

You can not attempt more than 30 hours in remedial classes. Examples of remedial classes are: MATH 0306 or ENGL 0305. Typically, any course that begins with a "0" is considered a remedial course for financial aid purposes. The second number listed in the remedial course is the number of credits hours it counts for.

To calculate: Add the all of second numbers of every remedial course. It must stay below 30. Once you reach 30 hours or more you will be suspended for Remedial Max Time Frame. You will have to pay out of your own pocket for any additional remedial classes before you can even appeal the decision. NOTE: ESL hours are remedial courses that are excluded from the remediation rule.

III. Completion Rate / 70% Rule

You must successfully complete 70% of all of your attempted classes at NHMCCD. Students on a probation status may be required to complete more than 70%. Successful completion results in earning grades of "C" or better in all of your classes.

To calculate: Take the number of completed hours and divide it by the number of attempted hours. In most cases you will get a decimal number. The first two numbers following the decimal is what your current percentage is. You want your calculation to show .70 or higher. A completion rate of .699 is still considered below the required 70%. At the bottom of your transcript you will see the attempted and completed hours. Here is an example of what it might look like: ATT 31 CMP 20. The ATT is your attempted hours and the CMP is your completed hours.

Do the math: $20(\text{CMP})$ divided by $31(\text{ATT}) = .645$ Then you completion rate is 64%.

IV. Maximum Time Frame

You are allowed to attempt no more than 150% of your declared major. Basically, you can receive financial aid for 100% of your degree plus 50% more. Every class you attempt counts towards your maximum time frame. Just take the number of required credits needed (as listed in the catalog) and multiply it by 150%. The result is the maximum amount of classes you are allowed to attempt.

To calculate: Let's presume you are pursuing the Liberal Arts Degree. The catalog shows you need 61 credits to graduate. So then you take $61 \times 150\% = 91.5$. 91 hours is all you are allowed to attempt if you are pursuing the

Liberal Arts Degree. Everyone's major is different so everyone may have a different max time frame. Let's try another one. Medical Office Receptionist Certificate requires 16 credits. $16 \times 150\% = 24$. 24 hours is all you can attempt if you are pursuing this certificate. The attempted hours is the ATT hours listed at the bottom of your transcript.