KENNEBEC VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE		
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ACADEMIC PROBATION AND/OR DISMISSAL

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Academic Probation is a means of alerting students who are in academic jeopardy that they must show academic improvement in order to remain matriculated in their current program of study. Any student placed on probation must receive a GPA of at least 2.0 during the next semester or risk academic dismissal. Dismissed students may appeal to the Vice President/Academic Dean. Probationary status is removed once students earn grades of good standing. Students are placed on academic probation if their cumulative grade point average falls into one of the following ranges:

Cumulative grade point average of:

No probationary status assigned for 1-5 credit hours;
GPA of .50 to 1.50 for 6 to 11 attempted credit hours;
GPA of 1.51 to 1.74 for 12 to 23 attempted credit hours;
GPA of 1.75 to 1.90 for 24 to 35 attempted credit hours; or
GPA of 1.91 to 1.99 for 36 or more attempted credit hours.

Students placed on probation will receive written notification of their probationary status. In addition, the student's permanent record will carry the words "Academic Probation."

Students must have at least a 2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average to graduate.

Students in some programs, including Allied Health programs and Nursing, have specific requirements for good academic standing. Refer to individual program policies for those grade requirements.

No student will be allowed more than two consecutive probational semesters.

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

Matriculated students will be dismissed for failure to earn the minimum acceptable cumulative grade point average, as follows:

Cumulative grade point average of:
GPA of .5 or less for 6 to 11 attempted credit hours;
GPA of 1.50 or less for 12 to 23 attempted credit hours;
GPA of 1.74 or less for 24 to 35 attempted credit hours;

GPA of 1.90 or less for 36 to 47 attempted credit hours; and
GPA of 1.99 or less for 48 attempted credit hours to end of program.

Dismissed students will receive written notification of their dismissal. Students may appeal the dismissal decision, in writing, to the Vice President/Academic Dean. The appeal will be presented to the Academic Standards Committee. If the appeal is granted, the student will be placed on “Academic Probation” for the next semester. If the appeal is not granted, the student may repeat failed courses as a non-matriculated student. After successful completion of those courses, the student may reapply to his/her program. If dismissed the student’s permanent record will carry the words “Academic Dismissal.”

No student will be allowed more than two consecutive probational semesters.