



Title:	Academic Renewal Policy (Formally Academic Amnesty Policy)
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Purpose

Northshore Technical Community College's Academic Renewal Policy is designed to give a fresh start to students who have been away from college or university for a minimum of one semester and who return to complete a degree, technical diploma, or certificate.

Scope

Academic Renewal applies to any students that satisfies the guidelines below and has applied for Academic Renewal through the Student Affairs Office. Application for Academic Renewal does not guarantee that it will be granted to the student.

Guidelines

The following minimum criteria shall be met for Academic Renewal:

1. No less than one semester must elapse between the end of the semester in which the student was last registered for credit at any postsecondary institution and the re-enrollment under Academic Renewal.
2. The student must be matriculated into a program.
3. Upon re-enrollment, the student must demonstrate academic success.
4. If granted, Academic Renewal will be noted upon the transcript.
5. Only courses taken before the minimum one semester absence will count toward the degree or certificate and be included in the cumulative GPA if the grade earned was "C" or better.
6. Courses taken before the minimum one semester absence for which the student earned a grade lower than "C" will not count toward a degree or certificate and will not be included in the cumulative GPA.
7. Courses and grades will still be listed on the transcript and included in the student completion rate, but will be excluded from the cumulative GPA.
8. Students will be considered for Academic Renewal subject to an approved application.



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9. Students who are granted Academic Renewal may qualify for scholarships or honors based on academic merit at such time as their NTCC cumulative grade point average indicates that they are qualified.
10. Academic Renewal applies only to admission to NTCC. Students granted amnesty at NTCC will be subject to the admissions policies of other institutions to which they may transfer after attending NTCC. When reviewing applications, many undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools compute the undergraduate grade point average based on all hours attempted.
11. Academic Renewal does not change or adjust financial aid eligibility. Federal and state standards for the evaluation of academic history may supersede the College's Academic Renewal Policy.
12. Grades earned in programs such as Nursing in which there is a limit in the number of times a course can be repeated, may not be eligible for Academic Renewal. Students should consult with their Divisional Dean at the time of application.

Review Process:

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X	Academic Affairs Committee	10/02/2015	08/16/2016

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