Title: Academic Amnesty Policy
Effective Date: 11/09/2015
Last Revision Date: N/A
Office: Academic Affairs

Academic Amnesty Policy

Purpose

Northshore Technical Community College’s Academic Amnesty policy is designed to give a fresh start to students who have been away from college or university for two years or more and who return to complete a degree, technical diploma, or certificate.

Scope

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

Guidelines

- Students seeking academic amnesty must have no less than two years elapse between the end of the semester in which the student was registered for credit at any college or university and being enrolled under academic amnesty at NTCC and must apply through Student Affairs Office at NTCC for academic amnesty. Upon being granted academic amnesty, the student has the status of an entering freshman.

- When students are granted academic amnesty, all college-level work completed at an earlier date is eliminated from computation of the grade point average and cannot be applied to a degree or certificate program of study at NTCC. While previous work at NTCC will not be removed from the student’s scholastic records and transcript, it may not be used to meet degree requirements. The NTCC record will indicate clearly that academic amnesty has been granted and the effective date.

- Students who are granted academic amnesty 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. A student demonstrating competency in a given area may be allowed advanced standing (without credit) or a waiver of requirements, just as any entering freshman. Students may be eligible for credit examinations for courses in which grades of “C” or higher were earned.

Last Revision: November 9, 2015
• Academic amnesty 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.

• Academic amnesty may be granted to a student only once, regardless of the institutions attended. Amnesty granted by another nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education will be accepted by NTCC.

• Academic Amnesty does not change or adjust financial aid eligibility. Federal and state standards for the evaluation of academic history may supersede the College’s Academic Amnesty.

• 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 Amnesty. Students should consult with their Divisional Dean at the time of application.

Review Process:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>X</th>
<th>Reviewing Entity</th>
<th>Review Date</th>
<th>Effective Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>X</td>
<td>NTCC Chancellor/Appointing Authority</td>
<td>10/02/2015</td>
<td>11/09/2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X</td>
<td>College Leadership Committee</td>
<td>10/02/2015</td>
<td>11/09/2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X</td>
<td>Academic Affairs Committee</td>
<td>10/02/2015</td>
<td>11/09/2015</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Distribution:
Distributed Electronically via College’s Internet
All Employee Email Dated 11/09/2015