

## ACADEMIC STANDING POLICY

This procedure is governed by its parent policy. Questions regarding this procedure are to be directed to the identified Procedure Owner.

<b>Category:</b>	D. Student and Academic
<b>Parent Policy:</b>	D32
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<b>Overview:</b>	<p>Olds College is committed to maintaining high academic standards, promoting student success, and supporting students to achieve academic success. Academic standing is assessed by the Office of the Registrar at the end of every term, based on Cumulative GPA, for students who have attempted a minimum of nine credits.</p>
<b>Procedures:</b>	<p><b>Principles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olds College commits to a fair and transparent process in determining academic standing for all students who have attempted nine (9) or more credits. Cumulative and Term GPA will be calculated every term to represent student achievement.</li> <li>• Graduation requirements include a minimum Program GPA of 2.00 or higher to graduate from a Diploma, Certificate or Post-Diploma Certificate; and a minimum Program GPA of 2.50 or higher to graduate from a Degree or Applied Degree.</li> <li>• It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of their academic standing.</li> <li>• It is the student's responsibility to seek the assistance of college staff or other supports when they become aware that they are unable to meet academic requirements.</li> <li>• In the event a student is unable to meet academic requirements, Olds College will make all reasonable attempts to ensure that they are aware of potential consequences as well as support services available.</li> </ul> <p><b>President's List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A student is on the President's List when they maintain a Cumulative GPA of 3.70 or higher with a minimum fifteen (15) credits (or full credit load based on the program) in a term.</li> </ul>

- For Apprenticeship students, a grade of 87 or greater on the Olds College and Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) exams. Eligibility for the President's List is decided by the Dean and/or Associate Dean responsible for Apprenticeship Trades. Certificates of Achievement will be awarded following completion of technical training periods.

#### **Dean's List**

- A student is on the Dean's List when they maintain a Cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher with a minimum nine (9) credits (or full credit load based on the program) in a term.
- For Apprenticeship students, a grade of 85 or greater on the Olds College and Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) exams. Eligibility for Dean's List decided by the Dean and/or Associate Dean responsible for Apprenticeship Trades. Certificates of Achievement will be awarded following completion of technical training periods.

#### **Good Standing**

- A student is in Good Standing when they maintain a Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher (2.50 or higher for Applied Degree or Degree students) with a minimum nine (9) credits.

#### **Academic Probation**

- A student is placed on academic probation when they maintain a Cumulative GPA of 1.00 to 1.99 (or 1.00 to 2.49 for Degree students) with a minimum nine (9) credits.
  - A student may remain on academic probation for two consecutive terms.
  - If a student adheres to their Academic Success Plan (this may include and is not limited to improved grades and accessing supports), they may continue on Academic Probation for a third term.
  - There are graduation requirements (see graduation Policy) for Olds College Degrees, Applied Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and Post Diploma Certificates. One of the requirements is a Cumulative GPA of a minimum 2.00 to graduate (2.50 for Degrees and Applied Degrees).

#### **Academic Suspension**

A student is placed on academic suspension and will be withdrawn from the institution for a period of eight (8) months when they have:

- A Cumulative GPA of less than 1.00 with a minimum nine (9) credits; OR
- Been on Academic Probation for two consecutive terms and has not adhered to their Probation Plan (this may include and is not limited to improved grades and accessing supports). Suspended students wishing to return to the college must apply to do so in accordance with all admission requirements in effect at the time of their re-application. They may be readmitted on a probationary status and may have to meet academic conditions that support improved performance.

#### **Definitions:**

**Academic Success Plan:** An individualized plan created between a student on probation and their Associate Dean and/or their Academic Advisor that outlines available College supports and services, and the steps required to assist with program completion and academic success.

**Related Information:**

D32 Academic Standing Policy  
D19 Grading Policy  
D20 Graduation and Convocation Policy

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