



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Title: Academic Renewal

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Purpose

Louisiana Delta Community College provides eligible students the opportunity to repair their academic record.

Scope

All Louisiana Delta Community College applicants and students.

Policy

Students not enrolled in college-level course work for two consecutive years and can demonstrate that the conditions that led to past academic deficiencies have changed may apply for academic renewal. Academic renewal can only be awarded once in an academic lifetime and cannot be declared for any period that was previously used for an awarded credential.

The following guidelines are in place and must be followed if academic renewal is declared, documented, and accepted by the Registrar:

1. The student must be admitted to the College and submit official transcripts from the selected college(s) from which the student desires to use credits for placement, completion of degree requirements, or as directed by specific programs (i.e. Nursing). Official transcripts from LDCC are not required.
2. During the first semester of enrollment, the student will submit the request for academic renewal and a letter of assurance detailing a reasonable expectation of future satisfactory performance to the appropriate academic supervisor for review and signature, if approved.
 - a. If academic renewal is not declared during the first term of enrollment, then the student can retroactively request academic renewal to be effective the first term of attendance. Enrollment without breaks in attendance and a maintained minimum 2.0 term GPA for every semester up to the date of the request is required. If academic renewal is declared using this process, only those courses prior to the two-year lapse of enrollment will be considered for renewal.

3. If the student is deemed eligible for academic renewal during a current semester, the signed request must be returned to Enrollment/Student Services for review by the Registrar. After the end-of-term GPA is confirmed by the Registrar, one of two actions will occur:
 - a. If the first term of enrollment after appeal for academic renewal is successful with a semester GPA of no less than 2.0, the academic renewal is implemented on the academic transcript. Only credits with grades of A, B, C, S, and CR will remain as earned credits used to satisfy requirements for awards and will be used in the cumulative GPA and to determine academic honors awarded at graduation.
 - b. If the semester average is less than a 2.0, academic renewal will not be implemented on the student's academic transcript and the approval for academic renewal will be null and void.
4. All grades considered not passing will be flagged for academic renewal. These credits will be excluded from earned GPA hours and will not be used to meet graduation requirements.
5. Credits flagged for academic renewal will remain on the student's transcript as attempted hours and will be used to determine eligibility for financial aid. A student who receives academic renewal does not guarantee eligibility for financial aid at LDCC.
6. LDCC will recognize academic renewal granted by other Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System (LCTCS) institutions with appeal of acceptance.
7. LDCC may recognize academic renewal from institutions outside of LCTCS. The student must submit a request for application to his/her LDCC academic record.
8. A non-LCTCS institution may choose to accept or deny the transfer of academic renewal granted by LDCC. Students are encouraged to investigate their transferring institution's academic renewal policy, if necessary.
9. Applying for academic renewal does not ensure approval.

Students are cautioned that many undergraduate institutions and graduate professional schools compute the undergraduate grade point average on all hours attempted when considering applications for admission. The signed, submitted application for academic renewal verifies student acceptance of the terms and comprehension of the ramifications of academic renewal.

LDCC's Office of Financial Aid does not recognize academic renewal for federal financial aid purposes. All hours attempted will be used to determine satisfactory academic progress for federal Title IV financial aid.