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TITLE: Academic Renewal

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Policy Statement

This policy is intended to provide students an opportunity to restart their academic record after a break in enrollment and a demonstration of academic maturation through performance upon reenrollment. Academic Renewal (commonly referred to as Academic Amnesty or bankruptcy) is for student who had an unsuccessful start in a degree or certificate program and stopped out for a period of at least two years, without enrolling in an academic, for credit program at any college or university.

Academic Renewal granted at/by an institution within Louisiana's Community and Technical Colleges (LCTCS) shall be accepted and honored system-wide.

Students must be advised that a non-LCTCS institution may choose to not accept, in transfer, Academic Renewal granted by another institution. Students must be encouraged to investigate the impact of the Academic Renewal policy if they plan to transfer to another institution outside of LCTCS. All transcripts must be provided as part of the admission process, but transfer institutions may compute the undergraduate GPA based on all hours attempted, regardless of policies or provisions granted by institutions or prior enrollment. Students must also be advised of the impact Academic Renewal will have on federal and state financial aid.

Minimum Criteria

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 taking courses within a declared major (matriculated into a program).
3. Upon re-enrollment, the student must demonstrate academic success by earning a minimum 2.0 semester grade point average (GPA) and cumulative GPA.
4. If granted, Academic Renewal will be noted upon the transcript.
5. Courses taken before the minimum one semester enrollment 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 enrollment 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. Applying for Academic Renewal does not guarantee approval. Each application for Academic Renewal will be evaluated based on the criteria and demonstration of academic maturation through performance upon re-enrollment.



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NOTE: *Academic Renewal does not apply to Title IV federal financial student aid program and has no effect on a student's ability to qualify or receive federal financial aid. All hours attempted will be used in determining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). For information, contact the BRCC Office of Financial Aid.*

Source of Policy: AA

Related Policy: LCTCS

Approved by:  _____

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Responsible Administrator: VCAA

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LCTCS Guideline Reference: _____

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