

## **Policy 2.13.2 Academic Renewal**

### **Part 1. Policy Statement.**

The Academic Renewal Policy acknowledges that some students' previous coursework at Dakota County Technical College was adversely affected by difficult circumstances. The policy recognizes that, for various reasons, some students have not met the scholastic requirements of their previous educational programs. Instead of needing to enroll at another college to get a fresh start, academic renewal provides the opportunity for students to pursue their educational goals at DCTC.

The Academic Renewal Policy gives students a one-time opportunity to establish a new grade point average (GPA) at Dakota County Technical College.

- The student may not have been enrolled in credit-based coursework at DCTC for a minimum of five consecutive years prior to requesting academic renewal.
- Upon readmission to DCTC, the student must successfully complete a minimum of 12 college-level credits before applying for academic renewal. Successful completion is defined as earning a grade of C or better and completing a minimum of 67% of credits attempted upon return.
- All grades prior to academic renewal will no longer be calculated in the grade point average or completion percentage. However, these courses and grades will remain on the student's transcript. Such courses will be defined as excluded courses. A student can be granted academic renewal only once. Academic renewal will not be granted if a student has earned a degree, diploma or certificate from DCTC and applied any of the credits toward the award. The student should first meet with a DCTC advisor to determine if academic renewal will benefit him/her.

### **Part 2. Policy Implications**

Students requesting academic renewal are advised of the following:

- Excluded courses cannot be used to satisfy any academic requirement.
- A notation of academic renewal will be included on the transcript.
- Federal financial aid regulations do not recognize academic renewal.
- Transfer institutions may not honor Dakota County Technical College's Academic Renewal Policy.

### **Part 3. Procedure**

After the above criteria have been met, the student may submit a petition request to the Registrar, who will process the request within two weeks. If the application is denied, the student may appeal to the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs.

Related Documents: College catalog

Responsible Administrator: Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

**Policy History:**

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