

DCTC Policy 3.6.2 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 three consecutive years prior to requesting academic renewal.
- Upon readmission to DCTC, the student must complete a minimum of 12 college-level or developmental education credits with a 2.0 GPA for each semester of attendance before applying for academic renewal.
- All grades of D and F earned prior to academic renewal will no longer be calculated in the GPA. 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 must first meet with an DCTC counselor or advisor to determine whether 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 an *Academic Renewal Application* to the Registrar, who will process the request within two weeks. If the application is denied, the student may appeal to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Related Documents:

- College catalog

Responsible Administrator: Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

Policy History:

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