

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy is consistently applied to all students enrolled at Hays Academy of Hair Design. It is printed in the catalog to ensure that all students receive a copy prior to enrollment. The policy complies with the guidelines established by the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS) and the federal regulations established by the United States Department of Education.

Evaluation Periods

Students are evaluated for Satisfactory Academic Progress as follows:

Cosmetology 450 scheduled hours and 14 weeks
 900 scheduled hours and 14 weeks
 1200 scheduled hours and 9 weeks

Nail Technology 175 scheduled hours and 5 weeks

*Transfer Students- Evaluation periods will be based on actual contracted hours at this institution.

Evaluations will determine if the student has met the minimum requirements for satisfactory academic progress.

Attendance Progress Evaluations

Students are required to attend a minimum of 75% of the hours possible based on the applicable attendance schedule in order to be considered maintaining satisfactory attendance progress. Evaluations are conducted at the end of each evaluation period to determine if the student has met the minimum requirements. The attendance percentage is determined by dividing the total hours accrued by the total number of hours scheduled. At the end of each evaluation period, the school will determine if the student has maintained at least 75% cumulative attendance since the beginning of the course which indicates that, given the same attendance rate, the student will graduate within the maximum time frame allowed.

Maximum Time Frame

The maximum time (which does not exceed 133% of the course length) allowed for students to complete each course at satisfactory academic progress is stated below:

COURSE	MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED	
	WEEKS	SCHEDULED HOURS
Cosmetology (Full time, 32 hrs/wk) - 1500 Hours	63	1995
Nail Technology (Full time, 32 hrs/wk) – 350 Hours	15	466

The institution operates all programs according to the following academic year. 900 clock hours to be completed in 28 academic weeks.

The maximum time allowed for transfer students who need less than the full course determined based on 75% of the scheduled hours.

Students who have not completed the course within the maximum timeframe may continue as a student at the institution on a cash pay basis.

Academic Progress Evaluations

The qualitative element used to determine academic progress is a reasonable system of grades as determined by assigned academic learning. Practical requirements are assigned weekly during the basics period of training and monthly thereafter. Students will only be given credit for satisfactorily completing the required task. Any task unsatisfactorily completed or incomplete must be repeated. Students are given two comprehensive practical evaluations throughout the course program. The first evaluation will be performed at the completion of the basics training. The second evaluation will be performed before the completion of training. Students are also evaluated on theory knowledge. Evaluations are conducted at the completion of each unit. Students must maintain a written grade average of 75% prior to graduation. Numerical grades are considered according to the following scale:

Excellent	100-93%
Very Good	92-85%
Satisfactory	84-75%
Unsatisfactory	74% & below

Determination of Progress Status

Students meeting the minimum requirements for academics and attendance at the evaluation point are considered to be making satisfactory academic progress until the next scheduled evaluation. Students deemed not maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress may have their Title IV Funding interrupted, unless the student is on warning or has prevailed upon appeal resulting in a status of probation.

Warning

Students who fail to meet minimum requirements for attendance or academic progress are placed on a financial aid warning and considered to be making satisfactory academic progress during the financial aid warning period. The student will be advised in writing on the actions required to attain satisfactory academic progress by the next evaluation. If at the end of the financial aid warning period, the student has still not met both the attendance and academic requirements, he/she may be placed on financial aid probation and, if applicable, students may be deemed ineligible to receive Title IV funds.

Probation

Students who fail to meet minimum requirements for attendance or academic progress after the financial aid warning period will be placed on financial aid probation and considered to be making satisfactory academic progress during the financial aid probationary period, if the student appeals the decision, and prevails upon appeal. Additionally, only students who have the ability to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy standards by the end of the evaluation period may be placed on financial aid probation. Students placed on an academic plan must be able to meet requirements set forth in the academic plan by the end of the next evaluation period. Students who are progressing according to their specific academic plan will be considered making Satisfactory Academic Progress. The student will be advised in writing of the actions

required to attain satisfactory academic progress by the next evaluation. If at the end of the financial aid probationary period, the student has still not met both the attendance and academic requirements required for satisfactory academic progress or by the academic plan, he/she will be determined as NOT making satisfactory academic progress and, if applicable, students will not be deemed eligible to receive Title IV funds.

Re-establishment of Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students may re-establish satisfactory academic progress and Title IV aid, as applicable, by meeting minimum attendance and academic requirements by the end of the evaluation period.

Interruptions, Course Incompletes, Withdrawals

If enrollment is temporarily interrupted for a Leave of Absence, the student will return to school in the same progress status as prior to the leave of absence. Hours elapsed during a leave of absence will extend the student's contract period and maximum time frame by the same number of days taken in the leave of absence and will not be included in the student's cumulative attendance percentage calculation. Students who withdraw prior to completion of the course and wish to re-enroll will return in the same satisfactory academic progress status as at the time of withdrawal.

Appeal Procedure

If a student is determined not to be making satisfactory academic progress, the student may appeal the determination within ten calendar days. Reasons for which students may appeal a negative progress determination include death of a relative, an injury or illness of the student, or any other allowable special or mitigating circumstance. The student must submit a written appeal to the school on the designated form with supporting documentation of the reasons why the determination should be reversed. This information should include what has changed about the student's situation that will allow them to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress by the next evaluation point. Appeal documents will be reviewed and a decision will be made and reported to the student within 30 calendar days. The appeal and decision documents will be retained in the student file. If the student prevails upon appeal, the satisfactory academic progress determination will be reversed and federal financial aid will be reinstated, if applicable.

Noncredit, remedial courses, repetitions

Noncredit, remedial courses and repetitions do not apply to this institution. Therefore, these items have no effect upon the school's satisfactory academic progress standards.

Transfer hours

With regard to Satisfactory Academic Progress, a student's transfer hours will be counted as both attempted and earned hours for the purpose of determining when the allowable maximum time frame has been exhausted.

Access to results

Students will be notified of any evaluation that impacts eligibility for financial aid. Students whose satisfactory academic progress are negatively impacted will also be notified immediately. All students have access to their SAP results upon request.