

## Academic Standing Policy

Quinsigamond Community College is committed to the academic success of its students. Students are required to maintain a GPA of at least a 2.0 (C average) to remain in good academic standing. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, they will be on either "Academic Notice" or "Academic Pause" status, as outlined below. Students will be notified of their status via mail to their home address on record and via email to their QCC student email.

### Academic Notice:

Students who have a cumulative GPA under 2.0 at the end of a fall, spring, or summer semester will be placed on "Academic Notice." Students placed on Academic Notice will need to meet with an advisor to discuss their academic plans before they can register for the next semester. Students on Academic Notice status will work with their advisor and campus resources to get back into good academic standing.

If a student is on Academic Notice for more than 1 semester, their status will update from "Academic Notice" to "Academic Notice 2" and "Academic Notice 3" at the end of their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semesters with a cumulative GPA under 2.0 and semester GPAs under 2.2. Students on Academic Notice 2 or 3 may have registration restrictions.

### Extended Academic Notice

If a student has a cumulative GPA under 2.0, but a *term GPA* of 2.2 or higher, they will qualify for "Extended Academic Notice," meaning they can continue taking courses without going into Academic Pause status. Students may be eligible for multiple semesters on Extended Academic Notice. If a student is on Extended Notice for multiple semesters their Academic Notice level will remain the same.

### Academic Pause:

If a student's cumulative GPA stays below 2.0 for 3 consecutive semesters (not including intersession) and they do not qualify for Extended Academic Notice, at the end of their semester on Academic Notice 3 they will be placed on "Academic Pause" status. Students on Academic Pause must take 1 semester away from QCC. After 1 semester away, a student on Academic Pause can re-join QCC by contacting Academic Advising and meeting with an advisor. Students who wish to return must follow guidelines stated in the Academic Pause letter. Returning students will come back on Academic Notice 3 and will be governed by the rules of "Academic Notice" until their GPA returns to Good Standing. A returning student must earn a term GPA of 2.2 or higher to continue or they would fall back onto Academic Pause status.

Notes:

Cumulative GPA is based on letter grades earned at QCC only.

A 2.0 minimum GPA is required to graduate from all QCC degree and certificate programs.

Federal Financial Aid has its own regulations and eligibility rules, and these standards are separate from the College’s policy on Academic Standing. Please see [Financial Aid](#) for more information.

Some QCC programs may have more specific requirements. This policy does not supersede the policy of any specific program, degree, or certificate. Refer to your program’s handbook for specific details.

	Academic Good Standing	Academic Notice	Extended Academic Notice	Academic Pause
GPA Range	Cumulative GPA 2.0-4.0	Cumulative GPA 0.0 - 1.99	Cumulative GPA 0.0 - 1.99, AND most recent term GPA of 2.2 and above	Cumulative GPA 0.0 - 1.99  AND 3 Consecutive Semesters on Academic Notice, without qualifying for Extended Academic Notice
Explanation	A student with a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater is in Good Academic Standing, regardless of Term GPAs that may be below 2.0.	A student with a Cumulative GPA below 2.0 will be placed on “Academic Notice”  <b>Academic Notice 1:</b> first semester of Academic Notice Status. Students need to meet with an advisor to register for the next semester.	A student with a cumulative GPA under 2.0, but a <i>term GPA</i> of 2.2 or higher will qualify for “Extended Academic Notice”. Students on this status can continue taking courses without going into Academic Pause status. A student’s Academic Notice level will not	Students on Academic Pause must take 1 semester away from QCC. After 1 semester away, a student on Academic Pause can re-join QCC by contacting Academic Advising and meeting with an advisor. Students who wish to return

		<p><b>Academic Notice 2:</b> second consecutive semester of Academic Notice. Students need to meet with an advisor to register for the next semester. Credit restrictions may apply.</p> <p><b>Academic Notice 3:</b> third consecutive semester of Academic Notice. Students need to meet with an advisor to register for the next semester. Credit restrictions may apply. If a student does not qualify for Extended Academic Notice at the end of the semester, they will be placed on Academic Pause.</p>	<p>progress higher while they are on Extended Academic Notice.</p>	<p>must follow guidelines stated in the Academic Pause letter. Returning students will come back on Academic Notice 3 and will be governed by the rules of “Academic Notice” until their GPA returns to Good Standing. A returning student must earn a term GPA of 2.2 or higher to continue or they would fall back onto Academic Pause.</p>
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