

# **FORGIVENESS POLICY**

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\*Grade forgiveness does not supersede requirements for special admission programs at LCCC.

The college recognizes that some students may not be able to overcome previously earned poor records in order to meet new career and educational goals and/or to meet graduation requirements. The Forgiveness Policy allows students to recover from previous academic performance that jeopardizes their academic standing. LCCC provides two types of academic forgiveness; Grade Forgiveness and Fresh Start Academic Forgiveness

## **Grade Forgiveness**

Grade forgiveness is applicable once and only once, for currently enrolled students who have completed at least 12 credit hours of coursework at LCCC with a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher for all coursework completed since the last term in which forgiveness is sought. The student may petition for Grade Forgiveness by completing the Forgiveness of Grades Petition to have grades of D, F or FAW forgiven and not computed in the grade point average and have the forgiven grade designation (FRG or FRR) substituted for the former grade(s). The student may seek forgiveness for up to 12 semester hours or four courses.

The course(s) for which the student is seeking forgiveness must not be needed for their new career or educational goals. These forgiven grades will be included when computing the cumulative point hour average for graduation with honors.

## **Fresh Start Academic Forgiveness**

Fresh Start Academic Forgiveness is a one-time opportunity that is intended to help LCCC students return to good academic standing after an extended absence. Students may request Fresh Start for any courses in which they earned D, F or FAW prior to their return.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

- Currently enrolled.
- Returned after an absence of at least three calendar years (nine consecutive terms).
- Have earned at least 12 letter graded semester hours at LCCC since their return.
- Have earned at least 2.0 cumulative GPA in all courses attempted since their return.
- Have not earned F/FAW/U grade in any courses attempted since their return.
- Has no outstanding financial obligations to LCCC.
- Declared valid/current program/plan.
- No previous Fresh Start granted.
- No earned degrees/certificates prior to Fresh Start petition.

Eligible students must work with their advisor to complete Fresh Start Academic Forgiveness application and submit completed form to Records office/Enrollment Services. Once approved and applied, the forgiven grades are irrevocable and will not be included in cumulative GPA calculation. The forgiven courses will be included for satisfactory academic progress and will be included for graduation honors calculation. Student can repeat forgiven courses in accordance with repeat policy. Fresh Start results have no impact on previous probation, dismissal and/or dean's list status.