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<b>Procedure:</b> Fresh Start Program	<b>Reference No.:</b> 3.4
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**Purpose:**

- A Fresh Start is intended to give a student who was not sufficiently prepared for college when the student first attended, who exited the College while not in good academic standing, and who stopped out for two or more consecutive years the opportunity to begin college again without the hindrance of past consequences.
- The student's new Fresh Start Grade Point Average (GPA) will include only those grades the student earned during the student's first semester back at the College. No grade (A through F) awarded prior to re-admittance will be included in the new cumulative GPA. However, all prior grades and GPAs will remain visible on the student's record.
- Only credits for courses taken before re-admittance in which the student earned a grade of C or better will be counted as earned credits. Credits for courses taken before re-admittance in which the student earned a C- or D cannot be counted as earned credits.
- The Fresh Start option, once granted, cannot be rescinded. Also, the option can be used only once. Finally, the option cannot be applied to a previous degree.

**Process:**

- The student applies for a Fresh Start by completing a Request for Academic Fresh Start form obtained at the Registrar's Office, Academic Advising, or the student's Dean's office.
- The student's Dean/Designee may or may not approve the Fresh Start. Approval is at the Dean's/Designee's discretion.
- If a student who applies for a Fresh Start in fact received an Academic Dismissal and requires an Academic Continuance for re-admittance, that student's financial aid will be impacted. The student will not be eligible for financial aid until the student has completed six or more credit hours

of coursework after returning to the College. Moreover, the student must earn a C or better in each course the student attempts. The student should consult the Financial Aid Office for any other conditions.

- The Fresh Start is instated once the student has completed a minimum of six or more credit hours of coursework in the semester in which the student returned to the College. The student must have earned a grade of C or better in each course the student attempted. (The courses may include developmental courses.) The following notation is then placed on the student's transcript: Student Granted Fresh Start.