

ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR PHEAA STATE GRANT PROGRAM

The PHEAA State Grant agency has its own separate academic requirements for students who receive the grant. Institutions are required to monitor the student's academic progress and report to PHEAA.

For each academic year (Fall, Spring and/or Summer) during which the student receives a State Grant, they must successfully complete the minimum number of credits appropriate to the student's enrollment status during the terms for which State Grant aid was received. Students must pass at least 12 credits for every term that they receive a full time State Grant and at least six (6) credits for every term they receive a part time State Grant.

If a student receives the PHEAA State Grant for the Fall and Spring terms and does not pass the required number of credits, we would encourage them to take courses over the summer to make up the credits. The coursework must be **NEW** credits that were not previously taken by the student. Coursework taken at other colleges are also considered when evaluating the State Grant progress requirements. It is not uncommon for students to be asked to provide an official college transcript from prior institutions they attended so the FAO can evaluate their eligibility for State Grant at HACC.

EXAMPLE: A student takes 12 credits during the Fall term, receives a full time State Grant and passes nine (9) credits. They take 12 credits during the spring, receives a full time State Grant and passes all 12 credits. The student is required to pass 24 credits between the Fall and Spring terms because they received a full time Grant for BOTH terms.

They have only passed 21 so their State Grant would be cancelled for the upcoming year unless they passed another three (3) credits. The student could take summer classes to gain the three (3) credits needed but the credits would need to be a brand new course not covered previously by State Grant.

EXAMPLE: A student takes 12 credits during the Fall term, receives a full time State Grant and passes all 12 credits. But one of the courses had a grade of "D". The student takes another 12 credits in the Spring, receives a full time State Grant but repeats the Fall class which he received a "D".

The class that was attempted twice, would only be counted once for academic progress. Therefore, the student would show as attempting 24 but passing 21 and would still need three (3) **NEW** credits before the State Grant could be reinstated.