

Financial Aid Restart Policy

Students that change their program of study are able to receive financial aid as long as they continue to meet the Standards of Academic Progress for Financial Aid as designated by ICC. Students should speak with an advisor before changing their program of study to ensure they are on the right path for their education.

In cases where a student is on Financial Aid Termination for grade point average, maximum hours, or completion rate, the student may appeal for a one-time “re-start” of their financial aid based on a change to their program of study.

The re-start will only be granted in the following situations:

- The student has changed their program of study in one of the following ways during their time at ICC:
 - From a transfer degree program to an applied science or certificate program
 - From an applied science or certificate program to a transfer degree program
 - From an applied science/certificate program to another applied science/certificate program
 - From a transfer degree, applied science or certificate program to the Associate in General Studies program ONLY when the general studies degree can be completed in 12 credit hours or less
- Due to Federal regulations, when a student changes from one transfer degree to another, all general education requirements and electives that can be used for the new degree will also be used to determine the student’s eligibility for continued financial aid.

Requirements for the re-start:

- Students must complete the Appeal for Financial Aid Reinstatement form and provide a signed program plan from their advisor outlining the remaining courses needed to complete the degree or certificate.
- If the appeal meets the criteria and is approved, students are only allowed to take courses in the newly declared program of study.
- If previously attempted courses are elective or required courses for the new degree, those courses will be considered in the SAP calculations for the degree, regardless of the grade received in the course.
- Appeals will NOT be considered for a semester that has already ended.
- A loss of the appeal status will occur if the student changes their program of study after the re-start has been approved or if the student takes courses not needed for their program of study.
- A loss of the appeal status may occur if grades below a C are earned or if a W or I is earned in courses taken after the appeal has been approved.