Approximately 80% of NCCC students receive some form of Financial Aid. This aid is vital to their enrolling and remaining in college. Advisors who refer to these Financial Aid basics may better assist students and promote their success and persistence.

1. Financial Aid is available to students for full-time or part-time study.

2. State Aid (TAP for full-time) is limited to six semesters at a community college. State Aid cannot be used to repeat a passed course but may be used to repeat I, W, X, F, or U grades. (Exception: a D may be repeated if a C grade is required by the current curriculum.)

3. Federal Aid—PELL may be used to repeat a class one time regardless of the grade received. Loans are not affected by repeat classes.

4. Remedial courses (e.g. ENG 099, MAT 001) count as credits for Financial Aid. However, after the student’s first semester in college, the student must be registered for at least six regular credits (and be full-time) to receive TAP (State Aid).

5. Payment for Financial Aid can only be made for courses applicable to current curriculum. However, if a student is registered for 12 credit hours of curriculum-required coursework, credits/courses not in the curriculum may be added.

6. Students who exceed the required number of credits in their certificate or degree program by 50% will be cut off from Financial Aid. Example: If a certificate requires 30 credits and the student earns or attempts over 45, he/she will lose federal aid. For a degree of 62 credits - 94 credits earned or attempted exceeds the requirement by 50%. This regulation also includes re-admitted students and students who are pursuing a second degree or certificate at NCCC as this policy is institutionally based. This policy also includes all of a student’s previous attempted hours at NCCC whether the student has received Financial Aid or not.

7. In order to receive Financial Aid, students must attend the classes and at the end of the term earn sufficient credits with a minimum GPA.

8. Non-progress grades (W, X, I, U) do not affect GPA but may affect academic progress and may lead to dismissal and/or loss of Financial Aid. F grades negatively impact GPA and academic progress.

9. Students who enroll in late start or mod classes are required to enroll in at least one 15-week class at the beginning of each semester in order to be eligible for both state and federal aid programs.

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