



<b>Academic Standing Policy</b>	
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<b>Associated Documents</b> <a href="#">Academic Standing Procedure</a>	

## PURPOSE

To provide a consistent approach in determining the standards of academic performance used to note meritorious, good, and poor performance. It also specifies the processes that are applied to each category of performance as measured by the Grade Point Average or Apprenticeship Marks.

## SCOPE

Applies to all credit and apprenticeship students.

## POLICY

Red Deer Polytechnic defines categories of academic standing based on a student's academic performance. Academic standing is used to determine:

- eligibility for program admission, continuation, and promotion
- need to take remedial action
- eligibility for various activities and awards

Academic Council has provided the following academic standing categories and related procedures which shall apply in all programs except where Academic Council has approved program-specific standards or procedures. Such program-specific standards or procedures will appear in the academic calendar listing for the program.

**Academic Standing (Apprenticeship):** is based on the mark achieved on the Polytechnic examinations. Academic standing includes three (3) categories which are noted on the official transcript:

1. **President's List** – Mark of 90% or greater on the Polytechnic and Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) exams

2. **Dean's List** – Mark of 85% to 89% on the Polytechnic and AIT exams
3. **Required to Withdraw** – Mandatory twelve (12) month absence from the Polytechnic due to student non-academic misconduct.

**Academic Standing (Credit):** is based on the calculation of the Grade Point Average (GPA) at the end of each academic term. An academic standing of Marginal or lower may impact eligibility to graduate.

Academic standing includes seven (7) categories which are noted on the official transcript.

1. **President's List** – GPA of 3.7 or greater with a minimum fifteen (15) credit load in Fall or Winter term or a minimum six (6) credit load in a minimum of two (2) courses in Spring term.
2. **Dean's List** – GPA of 3.5 or greater with a minimum nine (9) credit load in Fall or Winter term.
3. **Good Standing** – GPA of 2.0 or greater in a term.
4. **Marginal Standing** – GPA of 1.7 to 1.99 in a term.
5. **Academic Warning** – GPA of 1.00 to 1.69 except when standing was Academic Warning in the previous term.
6. **Probation** – GPA of 0.00 to 0.99 except when it is the first term at the Polytechnic, or a GPA of 1.00 to 1.69 in the previous term when the standing was Academic Warning in the previous term, or assignment of an F or NC grade in any of the BScN clinical courses.
7. **Required to Withdraw from the Polytechnic** - Mandatory twelve (12) month absence from the Polytechnic based on Academic Standing (GPA of 0.00 to 0.99 with a standing of Academic Warning in the previous term or a GPA of 0.00 to 1.69 with a standing of Probation in the previous term) or due to student non-academic misconduct.

## RELATED POLICIES

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## DEFINITION

**Grade Point Average:** is calculated by multiplying the credit weight of each course by the grade points earned in each course. The average is calculated by dividing the total term grade points by the total credit weight of the term. If a course has been repeated the prior grade is excluded from the calculation.