

# North Hennepin Community College

## Policy/Procedure Information

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**Name:** Academic Amnesty Policy

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**Regulatory Authority:**

- MnSCU Board Procedure 3.29.1 – College and University Transcripts
  - <http://www.mnscu.edu/board/procedure/329p1.html>

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## Part 1. Policy Statement

This policy allows a student's previous less than satisfactory grades to be ignored, or "forgiven," in the computation of the cumulative grade point average and completion rate. This makes it possible for a student to be in good academic standing and attain a grade point average sufficient for college graduation. The Academic Amnesty Policy at North Hennepin Community College (NHCC) gives a student who has not been enrolled in credit-based coursework at NHCC for at least five years, a one-time opportunity to establish a new grade point average (GPA) and completion rate for qualifying grades or symbols prior to the five year continuous break from credit-based coursework at NHCC.

Review Action	Date(s)
Campus Community Review Period	March 16-27, 2015
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President Approval	May 4, 2015
Campus Community Dissemination	May 11, 2015

## History

- Adopted 10/10/2005

- Revised fall 2014 to include language about completion rate, student-specified courses to be excluded, and completion requirements for academic amnesty eligibility.
- Revised spring 2015 to no longer allow students to seek amnesty for courses taken after returning from the at least 5 year break.