

POLICY TITLE: ACADEMIC AMNESTY

I. Purpose

In recognition that sometimes students are unsuccessful academically for a variety of reasons and years later find a low GPA to be a barrier to occupational fields or further academic progress, the College has a policy to allow such students a second chance. This “forgiveness” will eradicate 0.0s from the student’s GPA under carefully controlled conditions.

II. Scope

1. This policy applies to qualified students who receive a series of 0.0 grades early in their academic career resulting in a low GPA possibly blocking their entrance into programs or fields of study.
2. Qualified students may receive Academic Amnesty for a maximum of eighteen semester hours (or its quarter/term equivalent) for grades of 0.0.
3. Academic Amnesty applies only to LCC courses – not to any courses at other institutions. Further, there is no guarantee, expressed or implied, that Academic Amnesty will be recognized by any other college, university, or employer.

III. General

1. In order for a student to qualify for Academic Amnesty the following conditions must be met:
 - a. Five or more years must have elapsed since the last grade for which amnesty is requested.
 - b. The student must have earned 12 semester credit hours in courses numbered 100 or above at LCC, and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 since the last grade for which amnesty is requested.
 - c. The student must apply to the Registrar for Academic Amnesty.
 - d. The application must be signed by an academic advisor or counselor.
2. Upon approval of the application and processing, the 0.0s will no longer be calculated into the student’s GPA. The “forgiven” grades will remain on the transcript along with a special notation explaining the Academic Amnesty Policy.

IV. Responsibility

The College Registrar is responsible for preparing procedures to implement this policy.