



# Fresh Start Program

THE SMART PLACE TO START

Fresh Start is an appeals procedure that allows students returning to NCCC after a prolonged absence to request academic forgiveness of prior cumulative grade point average (GPA). The policy is designed for students who have gained maturity outside of higher education and have demonstrated acceptable academic performance following their return.

The granting of Fresh Start is subject to the following conditions:

1. Students must have a complete absence of attendance from NCCC for a period of three (3) years or more;
2. Fresh Start is available after successful completion of the returning semester as a full-time student who has been admitted into a degree/certificate program (matriculated) at NCCC. Successful completion is defined as passing a minimum of 12-credit hours, earning a minimum term GPA of 2.0. Part-time matriculated students can also be eligible for the Fresh Start Program. In the case of part-time students, a student's term GPA must be a minimum of 2.0 for every term after readmission until a minimum of 12 credit hours has been reached;
3. Fresh Start affects only those courses taken PRIOR to the three (3) year absence;
4. All courses taken in the time period prior to the three (3) year break in attendance with a grade of C or better (or S grade) will be carried forward and treated in the same manner as transfer credit showing earned hours ONLY, without grade points and without calculation into GPA;
5. Credits from the prior enrollment period of attendance with a grade of C- or lower will no longer be counted as earned credits at NCCC, will NOT apply to the degree, will not calculate into GPA, and will need to be retaken if applicable to the student's degree/certificate program;
6. All original credits and grades will remain on the permanent NCCC transcript to reflect an accurate academic history;
7. Students may apply for Fresh Start only once during their NCCC career;
8. Fresh Start, once elected, may not be revoked;
9. Fresh Start may not be available in all NCCC programs.

Fresh Start is a policy of NCCC. As such, students should be aware it may not be recognized by outside institutions or for financial aid purposes. Discounting of grades may impact financial aid eligibility. Students are advised to consult with their academic advisor and financial aid prior to election of Fresh Start.

Interested students must submit the Fresh Start application to Academic Affairs no later than the last day of classes in which the student re-enrolls after the three (3) year break in attendance.

*I have read and understand the program description and regulations of the NCCC Fresh Start program and wish to submit the attached application for the program.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
SS# or Student ID

June 2019

# FRESH START PROGRAM APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

RETURNING WHEN: Semester Year \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE:

SEMESTER: FL \_\_\_\_\_ SP \_\_\_\_\_ SU \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SS# OR STUDENT ID \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM NCCC THREE OR MORE YEARS. \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (IF NO, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FRESH START)

PRIOR DATES OF ATTENDANCE (MUST BE 3 OR MORE YEARS AGO): SEMESTER \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

What factors caused you to do poorly during your previous academic semesters at NCCC?

What do you plan to do differently to assure your academic success at NCCC?

What are your long-term educational/career goals?

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**ADMINISTRATIVE**

NCCC ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President of Academic Affairs



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