



# Academic Forgiveness

Academic Forgiveness provides a second chance to students who had an unsuccessful start in an academic degree, certificate, or program. It provides an opportunity for students who have demonstrated academic success in at least 12 credits during one semester or more to have grades removed from their Grade Point Average while retaining credit for grades of C- or better.

A student may request Academic Forgiveness one time under the academic performance option or one time under the change of program option.

In order to be eligible for Academic Forgiveness, the student must be matriculated into a program, have completed at least one semester, and earned at least 12 credits with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or better, met the requirements for either of the following options, and must be seeking his/her first certificate or degree from Bristol Community College.

## Past Academic Performance:

- A student must have been absent with no recorded grades at Bristol for a minimum of three years.
- A student must be seeking his/her first certificate or degree from Bristol Community College.
- Courses taken before the three-year absence will count toward the degree or certificate if applicable in the student's program and if the grade earned was C- or better. These credits are subject to the maximum number allowed for transfer credits.
- Courses taken before the three-year absence for which a student received a grade lower than C- will not count toward the certificate or degree.
- Grades for courses taken before the three-year absence are still listed on the transcript but are excluded from the calculation of the student's cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) but not student completion rate.

## Change of Program

- Courses taken before the change of program will count toward the degree or certificate if applicable in the student's program and if the grade earned was C- or better. These credits are subject to the maximum number allowed for transfer credits.
- Courses taken before change of program for which a student received a grade lower than C- will not count toward the certificate or degree.
- Grades for courses taken before change of program are still listed on the transcript but are excluded from the calculation of the student's cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) but not student completion rate.