

Proposal for Academic Standards: Residency Requirement

Background: Students entering/matriculating in the fall 2010 were under the new residency requirements of 30 credits. This was a change from the original 45 credits. At the time the committee passed this change, there was no clause about allowing students who were already matriculated to change to the new residency requirement, therefore these students would be held to the 45 credits. For the most part this does not present a problem, however there is a small group of students that are in the RN to BSN program who will greatly benefit from this change as most of them come in with courses from various colleges and universities. The 45 credit residency requirement has routinely been a barrier for these students thus forcing many of them to take additional coursework, unrelated to their degree to fulfill the 45 credits. A request has been made to allow students in this program to “move” under the new residency requirement, particularly a subset that would be able to complete their program by this May. In an effort to be fair to all students the following policy adjustment is being proposed:

To apply the 30 credit residency credit effectively immediately (retroactively) for all students enrolled at CCSU.

This proposal was offered by the President and Provost in response to the request initiated on behalf of the request for the RN to BSN students as described above. This proposal would eliminate the need to make any special exception for this program by allowing any student the same option.