

ACADEMIC FRESH START

Definition:

A student who has been separated from Pellissippi State Technical Community College (or State Technical Institute at Knoxville), as well as all collegiate institutions, for at least four years may apply for Academic Fresh Start. Academic Fresh Start allows for the calculation of the quality grade point average and credit hours toward graduation at Pellissippi State to be based only on the work done after returning to Pellissippi State. The previous work at Pellissippi, although still listed on the student's academic record, will not be included in the quality grade point average, nor will the previous credit earned be applicable to a degree.

Procedure:

1. Complete an Application for Academic Fresh Start (reverse side) upon readmission or admission as a degree student or after the time of readmission, but prior to the completion of 15 hours of degree coursework. Submit form to the Admissions and Records Office.
2. Upon completion of at least fifteen (15) semester hours of earned degree coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all work attempted, Academic Fresh Start may be granted. The coursework must be college level. Developmental courses will not be included. At this point, the applicant should contact the Pellissippi State Admissions and Records Office to verify eligibility for Academic Fresh Start. Academic Fresh Start may only be granted once.
3. Upon the granting of Fresh Start, the student's permanent record will remain a record of all work. However, the student will forfeit the use of degree or certification purposes all college or university degree credit earned prior to the four-year separation. Previously satisfied placement requirements will not be forfeited.
4. Upon degree admission, Fresh Start applicants who did not satisfy placement requirements at the time of previous enrollment and whose academic plan includes completion of a college-level English or Mathematics course must meet current placement requirements regarding enrollment in college English and Math courses.
5. The student's transcript will note that Fresh Start was awarded and the date it went into effect. The record will also carry the notation "QPA and credit totals are based only on the work beginning [with the date of the Fresh Start]."
6. The student will apply for Fresh Start with the understanding that all TBR institutions will honor a Fresh Start provision granted at another TBR institution. The student should also understand that non-TBR institutions may not accept the QPA as it is calculated with Fresh Start.