

I received a letter stating that I'm on ACADEMIC PROBATION. What are my NEXT STEPS?

1. Review your plans for next semester

Log on to [The Q](#) and review your ACADEMIC RECORD carefully.

- Look over the grades you have earned. Where have you performed well? Where have you struggled?
- Poor/failing grades will bring your Grade Point Average (GPA) down; consider re-taking some of these classes (and doing better!) to help improve your GPA.
- The more A's, B's and C's you have on your record, the stronger your GPA will be.
- The more D's and F's you have on your record, the lower your GPA will be.

Review your schedule for the next semester.

- It may be necessary to [ADJUST YOUR SCHEDULE](#) in order to help you get back in good academic standing as quickly as possible and avoid getting dismissed from the college.
- Does it make sense to repeat anything? When you repeat a class, only the HIGHER grade will count in your GPA.
- Make sure you are still meeting the pre-requisites for all your courses next semester.
- Are you taking the right number of courses? Sometimes taking fewer credits can help you to focus on doing better in the courses you have.
- If you adjust your schedule [READ/REVIEW YOUR DEGREE AUDIT](#); this helps you ensure that the classes you've selected fit within your program.

If you have NOT registered for next semester, please reach out to Advising to discuss your plans.

- You can also consider [SELF-REGISTERING](#) for classes and re-taking any failed (F's) classes first (and doing better!) in order to help raise your Grade Point Average (GPA) as quickly as possible.

If you are receiving FINANCIAL AID, you should also check on the status of your award/eligibility.

- Log on to [The Q](#) and check on the status of your account, award or eligibility to make certain that nothing has changed based on your academic status.

Be aware of important dates and deadlines.

- The [ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#) lists important dates that students need to be aware of
- The Add/Drop period is always the first week of every fall and spring semester – students can make changes in their schedule before the add/drop deadline without any academic penalty or financial obligation. Classes dropped before the add/drop deadline will not show on your final record or count in the GPA. After the deadline, your schedule is locked in.

2. Check in with an Advisor

Meet with an Advisor to make a plan for getting back on track.

- If you have an ASSIGNED ADVISOR, reach out to them for any guidance or questions you may have. You can see their name and contact info on [The Q](#).
- If you are assigned to the ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER, we have many advisors on staff to assist you. Please visit in person or call us: 508-854-4308.
- Discuss resources and put together a plan to help ensure your success. Your goal is to raise your cumulative GPA to a 2.0 or higher and return to good academic standing by the end of the next semester to avoid getting dismissed from the college.
- Meet with your advisor regularly! It can help to discuss your progress and any barriers you may encounter.
- Check your mid-term grades! The middle of the semester is an important time to make sure your hard work is paying off. Talk with your instructors or your advisor if you have concerns.

3. Use Your Resources

We care about your success at QCC and there are lots of places on campus where you can get support when you need it.

- [Academic Advising](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Tutoring](#)
- [Student Accessibility Services](#)
- [Counseling and Wellness](#)
- [Food Pantry](#)
- You can see a full listing of campus services here: <https://www.qcc.edu/services>

Still have questions or concerns?

Reach out to Academic Advising if you:

- Have questions about what it means to be on Academic Probation
- Want help reviewing your academic record
- Need help adjusting your schedule
- Want to discuss academic planning for getting back on track

Contact us!

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