Are your benchmarks in good shape?

Knowing Your Benchmarks.

There are three benchmark points for each program:
- Official program entry at junior level.
- Entry into Clinical Practice semester.
- Program completion and recommendation for certification.

These include requirements which must be met.

Benchmark requirements include GPAs in the academic major, the professional major, and overall; Praxis test scores; grades of C- or better in major (academic and professional) courses; completion of all required courses; satisfactory dispositional reports; passing Praxis scores; and completion of any remediation plans related to dispositional reports or removal from Clinical Practice.

Know your program’s benchmarks! This is your responsibility.

You signed off on your benchmarks when you met with your education advisor and developed your program course sequence.

You can also find benchmark guidelines on the College of Education website: http://www.rowan.edu/colleges/education/Policies/index.html

Meeting Your Benchmarks.

You must meet benchmarks at each guideline checkpoint. Several weeks before each semester begins, advisors review student records and inform the Department if students are not meeting any of them. If you are not meeting a benchmark, you will not be allowed to move forward with the education program and will be removed from courses in the program for which you have registered. This can delay your graduation.

Do not let it get to that point. Know your benchmarks! Meet your benchmarks! Consult immediately with your advisor if you have unique circumstances that have prevented you from meeting your benchmarks.

Be Sure You Are Ready to Move On

- Overall GPA (State mandated as 3.0) meets 3.0 or above.
- Professional GPA meets 3.0 or above.
- Academic major GPA 3.0 or above.
- Passing Praxis Core and Praxis II scores.
- Completion of all required courses with C- or better grade. No D’s, F’s, or IN’s in major courses.
- Satisfactory dispositional reports.

If you do not meet benchmarks…

If it is determined that you do not meet required benchmarks for the next semester of study in your educational program, you will be notified through Rowan email by the College of Education Student Progress Committee. You will be given a deadline by which any appeals must be submitted. Check your Rowan email regularly. This is your responsibility.

The turnaround time is often very tight between when you are notified and the deadline for appeals. It is your responsibility to know your benchmark status. It is also your responsibility to check your Rowan email daily.

If you do not respond or miss the deadline, or if your appeal is received but does not provide compelling reasons why you should be allowed to continue, such as extended illness or death of close family member, you will be removed from your courses and associated field placements, including clinical practice. Removal from courses prolongs your studies and graduation date.

Know your benchmark status! Check your Rowan email daily. Be in touch with your education advisor regularly. Respond promptly to communications. If there is an error or special circumstance, these will be considered, but it is your responsibility to communicate them in writing with the appropriate parties in a timely manner and before all stated deadlines.

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