It is the policy of Lawson State Community College not to issue transcripts of other colleges and schools. Official transcripts will be mailed to other institutions by written request only.

RESIDENCY

In-State vs. Out-of-State

Lawson State Community College is supported by the taxpayers of Alabama. Students who are not state residents MUST pay out-of-state fees. A student's official residency is determined at the time of registration according to the residency policy of the state of Alabama.

To qualify for in-state tuition, a legal residence must have maintained residency in Alabama for a least the twelve months immediately preceding the date of first enrollment in an institution of higher education in Alabama.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

A student should report a change of address on forms available in the Office of Admissions or the Records Office.

GRADES AND RELATED MARKS

The following letter symbols are used to indicate the student's level of achievement in courses taken:

Grading Scale for the Programs:

A	Excellent	(90 – 100)
B	Good	(80 – 89)
C	Average	(70 – 79)
D	Poor	(60 – 69)
F	Failure	(74.9 and Below)
AU	Audit	
I	Incomplete	
W	Withdrawal	
WF	Withdrawal Failing	(Calculated the same as grade of "F")
WP	Withdrawal Passing	

Grading Scale for the Nursing Program

No rounding of test scores is done (ex. 78.6 is 78.6). Only the final course grade is rounded: 0.5 or higher is raised to the next whole number.

A	Excellent	(90 - 100)
B	Good	(80 – 89)
C	Average	(75 – 79)
D	Poor	(60 – 74)
F	Failure	(59 and below)
AU	Audit	
I	Incomplete	
W	Withdrawal	
WF	Withdrawal Failing	(Calculated the same as grade of "F")
WP	Withdrawal Passing	

NOTE: Some programs and/or courses may require a higher numeric range than the standard noted above.

A,B,C are letter grades which represent levels of accomplishment sufficient to allow students to progress satisfactorily toward graduation and/or prerequisite requirements.

D is a letter grade which indicates minimum level accomplishment. Some courses/programs require a minimum of a "C" grade to progress to the next course or to remain eligible for continuation in a program of study. Senior colleges and universities may or may not grant credit for a course in which the student has made a grade of "D".

F is the letter grade assigned to students who fail to meet minimum course requirements.

W, WP, and **WF** are letter grades assigned when a student withdraws from a course/courses after the designated drop/add period. The grade of **W** is assigned to a student who officially withdraws from a course(s) by the date designated in the semester schedule. The grade of **WP** may be assigned after the date set for withdrawals and indicated the student is passing the course at the time of withdrawal. The **WF** is may be assigned after the date set for withdrawals and indicates the student is failing at the time of withdrawal. The grade is punitive and will be calculated as an "F" in the grade point average. Withdrawal from course(s)/program(s) should be initiated by the student. Students must notify the Records Office of their intent to withdraw from a course, courses, or programs.

Withdrawal from class or removal from the registration database can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

For more information, a student may contact the Office of Student Financial Services.

I is a letter grade which indicates incompletion of course requirements; thus an "I" is not a satisfactory completion and will not allow a student to progress to the next course level. An "I" is awarded only under extenuating circumstances. An "I" typically is used to signify that an instructor has granted permission to a student to complete work or that the Dean or designee has approved the student to take her/his final examination late. Other circumstances as approved by the instructor and/or Dean of designee may be granted. The student must be aware that he is not to sign up for the course again, but to see the instructor promptly and complete the course requirements. The grade "I" may affect eligibility for federal financial aid. For more information, a student may contact the Office of Student Financial Services.

Regardless of the circumstances, a grade of "I" must be changed by the designated date each semester or it will be converted to an F. At LSCC, if a student is seeking federal financial aid, all "I" grades must be removed prior to the awarding of federal financial aid.

AU as a grade indicates audit and is a course taken for non-credit. Credit hours will not be averaged into the grade point average. Audit must be declared by the end of the registration period and may not be changed thereafter.

GRADE POINTS

A student's academic standing or grade point average is a means to evaluate the overall quality of work being done. In order to perform this measure, the following grade points are assigned:

Grade Points		
A	4	grade points per hour
B	3	grade points per hour
C	2	grade points per hour
D	1	grade points per hour
F	0	grade points per hour
WF	0	grade points per hour

The student's grade point average is obtained by dividing the total grade points earned by the total number of semester hours for which the grades of A, B, C, D, F or WF are assigned. *Marks of S, U, W, WP, I, and AU do not affect the grade point average but may affect financial aid.*

A final grade is the instructor's evaluation of the student's work and achievement throughout the course. Grades and marks are given at the discretion of the instructor. Grade changes may occur if legitimate calculation errors are made. The "Change of Grade Form" must be obtained from the Records Office.
Factors upon which the final grade may be based are class participation, recitation, written and oral quizzes, reports, papers, final examination, and other class activities. At the beginning of each course, it is the responsibility of each instructor to notify students in writing the grading practices that will be used.

WHAT THE GRADES MEAN

"F" Grade	The grade F is recorded if the student has failed the combined evaluation of work through the semester. A student who makes an "F" on the first semester of a sequence series of a course is not permitted to register for the succeeding sequences of the course before he or she has made up the failure.
"I" Grade	When a student has failed to complete the requirements of a course, the student may be given an "Incomplete" or "I" grade. The "I" grade is given only to a student whose work in a course has been qualitatively satisfactory (completed at least 75% of course requirements). All requirements to remove an "I" must be completed within six weeks of the following semester in which the grade was given. If requirements are not completed within the six weeks period, the grade of "F" will be assigned.
"W" Grade	A student who wishes to withdraw from a course or courses within the first twelve weeks of the semester may do so without the credit hours being computed as hours attempted.
"WP" Grade	Indicates the student withdrew from the course or courses after the twelfth week and was making satisfactory progress. The credit hours will not be computed as hours attempted.
"WF" Grade	Indicates the student withdrew from the course or courses after the first twelve weeks and was failing. The grade will be counted as a grade of "F" earned and computed in the grade point average.
"AU" Grade	(Audit) Courses taken for no credit. Credit hours will not be averaged into the grade point average. A course that is being audited must be declared by the end of the registration period and may not be changed thereafter. The fees are the same as for regular college credit.
"S" Grade	S indicates satisfactory completion of course work numbered 0-99 which carry institutional credit and are not acceptable toward degree or certificate requirements. Credit hours are not averaged into the grade point average.
"U" Grade	U indicates unsatisfactory progress in the course, numbered 0-99 which carry institutional credit and not applicable toward degree or certificate requirements. A student is not allowed to progress to the next course in the sequence until he or she has earned a satisfactory grade.

A student who receives a grade of "U" for two semesters may not take the course a third semester until he or she receives special academic advising. The student must appeal through the institutional appeal process before being allowed to enroll in the course for the fourth time. Credit hours are not averaged in the grade point average.

Note: Withdrawal from a class or removal from the registration database can affect eligibility for federal financial aid. The grade of "I" may affect eligibility for federal financial aid. For more information, a student may contact the Office of Student Financial Services.

STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

These standards of progress shall apply to all students unless otherwise noted.

Exceptions

Programs within the institution which are subject to external licensure, certification, and/or accreditation, or which are fewer than four semesters in length may have higher standards of progress than the institutional standards of progress.

Selected transfer students will be placed on academic probation upon admission and must transition to these standards of academic progress.

Special standards of academic progress have been established for students enrolled in institutional credit courses carrying optional grades and for students who wish to remain eligible to receive Title IV Financial Aid.

REQUIRED GPA LEVELS ACCORDING TO HOURS ATTEMPTED AT LAWSON STATE

The following applies to required GPA for attempted hours:

- Students who have attempted 12-21 semester credit hours at the institution must maintain a 1.5 cumulative grade point average.
- Students who have attempted 22-32 semester credit hours at the institution must maintain a 1.75 cumulative grade point average.
- Students who have attempted 33 or more semester credit hours at the institution must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

INTERVENTION FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

When a student is placed on academic probation, one-term academic suspension, or one-calendar year academic suspension, college officials may provide intervention for the student by taking steps including, but not limited to, imposing maximum course loads, requiring a study skills course, and/or prescribing other specific courses.

APPLICATION OF STANDARDS OF PROGRESS

- When the cumulative GPA is at or above the GPA required for the total number of credit hours attempted at the institution, the student's status is "Clear."
- When a student's cumulative GPA is below the GPA required for the number of credit hours attempted at the institution, the student is placed on academic probation.
- When the cumulative GPA of a student who is on academic probation remains below the GPA required for the total number of credit hours attempted at the institution, but the semester GPA is 2.0 or above, the student remains on academic probation.
- When the cumulative GPA of a student who is on academic probation remains below the GPA required for the total number of credit hours attempted at the institution and the semester GPA is below 2.0, the student is suspended for one semester. The transcript will read **suspended—one semester**.
- The student who is suspended for one semester may appeal. If, after appeal, the student is readmitted without serving the one semester suspension, the transcript will read **Suspended—One Semester/Readmitted Upon Appeal.**
- The student who is readmitted upon appeal re-enters the institution on academic probation.
- A student who is on academic probation, after being suspended for one semester, will remain on academic probation until the required GPA for the total number of hours attempted is sufficient.
- A student returning from a one semester suspension that has failed to obtain the required GPA for the number of hours attempted, and has failed to maintain a semester GPA of 2.0, will be placed on a one year suspension. **The student may appeal a one term or one-year suspension**.

The permanent student record will reflect the student's status (except when the status is clear). When appropriate, the record will reflect **Academic Probation, Academic Suspension—One Term, Academic Probation—One Year, One Term Suspension—Readmitted On Appeal, Or One-Year Suspension—Readmitted On Appeal.**

If a student declares no contest of the facts leading to suspension, but wishes to request consideration for readmission, the student may submit a request in writing for an "appeal for readmission" to the Dean of Students within a designated published number of days of receipt