



Course Selection - How It Affects Your NYS Aid Eligibility (TAP, APTS, etc.)

To be eligible for TAP, APTS, or other types of NYS Aid you must be matriculated (accepted in a degree program by the Admissions Office) and taking courses that are applicable to your degree program. Full-time students must have a minimum of 12 hours that apply to their CCC degree program. The following courses are included in this requirement:

- Required remedial courses. (If you are a first time TAP recipient, you must have at least 3 “credit” hours in your course schedule. If you have received TAP previously, you must have 6 “credit” hours in your course schedule.)
- Repeat courses that you have not already passed with a grade of D or better. There are two exceptions that may allow you to repeat a course you have previously passed. They are:
 1. When a passing grade is achieved, but the grade is not acceptable to the program of study in which the student is matriculated.
 2. When a course may be repeated and credit is earned toward the degree each time the course is taken.

What Happens If You Do Not Meet This Requirement?

- You will not be certified for TAP for that semester if you do not have 12 hours of degree or program requirements; therefore, you will lose eligibility for these funds for that semester.
- If you apply for APTS, you will only be awarded for courses that meet this requirement. Awards may be adjusted if you change course selection after award calculation.

How to Avoid This Problem?

- You should work closely with your advisor when making class selections.
- Assistance is also available through the Enrollment Advisement Center in the Commons Building. Make sure that you are in the right degree program and that all transfer credit from other colleges has been evaluated. **You can access your “Degree Audit” through MYCorning to check that your courses are applicable to your degree program.** This is your responsibility.