



**Subject: Student Development Course (SDV)**

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**1. Purpose**

Tidewater Community College (TCC) is committed to providing collegiate education and training to adults of all ages and backgrounds, helping them achieve their individual goals and contribute as citizens and workers to the vitality of an increasingly global community. To promote such an environment and to align with TCC’s Quality Enhancement Plan – Progressive Academic and Career Experience (P.A.C.E.), all TCC students enrolled in curricula requiring a student development course shall be required to successfully complete a student development course (SDV 100, 101, or 108) within the first semester of enrollment.

**2. Policy**

All TCC students enrolled in curricula requiring a student development course shall be required to successfully complete a student development course (SDV 100, 101, or 108) within the first semester of enrollment. The requirement shall be waived for students who hold an Associate’s Degree or Bachelor’s Degree from a regionally accredited institution per VCCS Policy 6.4.0.3 and TCC SDV Waiver Guidelines. Other requests for a waiver shall be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Dean of Retention for SDV 100 or 108, or Academic Dean or Director for SDV 101 in accordance with Policy 2110 Course Substitutions and Waivers. Students must successfully complete the required number of credit hours for their chosen degree.

**3. Responsibilities**

The Vice President for Student Affairs shall be responsible for developing and maintaining procedures that are consistent with this policy and that

comply with applicable policies of the Virginia Community College System. The respective Dean of Retention or designee shall be responsible for determining if a request for an SDV 100 or SDV 108 waiver is approved. The respective Academic Dean or Director shall be responsible for determining if a request for an SDV 101 waiver is approved.

#### **4. Definitions**

**Student:** includes any person who has been admitted within the academic year or who is currently enrolled in one or more credit courses.

**Progressive Academic and Career Experience (P.A.C.E.)** – Tidewater Community College’s Quality Enhancement Plan to help students achieve career success through self-awareness, academic planning, and experiential learning opportunities that help students achieve their career goals.

#### **5. References**

Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Policy 6.4.0.3 for Orientation/Student Development

#### **6. Review Periodicity and Responsibility**

The Vice President for Student Affairs shall review this policy annually at the first anniversary of its approval and, if necessary, recommend revisions.

#### **7. Effective Date and Approval**

This revision to the policy is effective upon its approval by the College President on April 27, 2020.

Policy Approved:

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President

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Vice President for Student Affairs

#### **8. Review and Revision History**

The initial version of this policy was approved on May 7, 2015.

- Revision 1

Changes responsibilities for SDV 101 waivers to academic dean/director providing consistency with Policy 2110 - Course Substitutions and Waivers.

Approved September 1, 2016 by President Edna V. Baehre-Kolovani, Ph.D.

- Revision 2

Aligns the policy with the college's SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan, Progressive Academic and Career Experience (P.A.C.E.).

Approved July 27, 2017 by President Edna V. Baehre-Kolovani, Ph.D.

- Revision 3

Removes Procedures section eliminating the practice of placing registration holds on student accounts when students fail to complete the SDV course within the first semester.

Approved April 27, 2020 by President Marcia Conston, Ph.D.

- Revision 4

Updates position titles and removes co-curricular from the definition of Progressive Academic and Career Experience (P.A.C.E.).

Approved February 21, 2022 by President Marcia Conston, Ph.D.