

Addendum to the 2023-2024 Student Handbook
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Additional Competency Opportunity

Following the release of scores for the Reassessment (a student’s 2nd attempt) and Summer Assessment (a student’s 3rd attempt), but not a makeup assessment, students scoring between 85-89.4% (or within 5% of the passing standard), are eligible to submit an Additional Competency Opportunity (ACO) for any question(s) answered incorrectly.

ACOs differ from assessment appeals in that they provide eligible students with an opportunity to provide evidence of their understanding of the submitted items. A student cannot submit an ACO and an appeal for the same missed question. However, a student can appeal one or more missed questions and submit an ACO for different missed questions if they choose. ACOs must be submitted through a link designated on Canvas by 5:00 pm on the fifth business day from the day of the reassessment. ACOs submitted after the deadline will not be evaluated.

As part of every ACO and/or Appeal submitted, the student must affirm their submission is free of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to having any form of AI generate their response, having a peer write their response, or copying the work of another person.

ACOs will be evaluated by the faculty member(s) who wrote the item(s) or their designee(s). The ACO evaluator is authorized to award full credit for each item response using an approved rubric. Points earned through the ACO process may not exceed the passing standard. The ACO evaluator’s decision is final and cannot be appealed.

ACOs evaluation will be completed generally within thirty (30) business days. Evaluators will provide their results for each ACO to the Office of Academic Affairs. The Office of Academic Affairs will notify students regarding grade changes. Students should not contact individual faculty regarding the status of their ACO, however, they may contact the Office of Academic Affairs who will confirm the status of their ACO (pending or complete). ACO decisions related to summer assessments will be completed and the student notified no later than one (1) business day prior to the start of Orientation for the next academic year.

The following rubric will be utilized to grade each ACO:

Question	Yes	No
1. Did the student demonstrate that they understood the material correctly through their explanation?	Yes	No
2. Did the student accurately discuss why their original answer was incorrect?	Yes	No
Has the student earned 1 point (yes must be selected for Q1 and Q2)?	Yes	No