## Additional Resources

Exit Counseling: www.studentloans.gov

Federal Loan History: www.nslds.ed.gov

Student Aid Information & Loan Repayment Information: www.studentaid.gov

Life Skills: WCU's Free Financial Literacy Program www.wcupa.edu/lifeskills

Perkins Exit Counseling: www.mycampusloan.com



Schock Financial Aid Office Kershner Student Service Center 25 University Ave, 030 West Chester, PA 19383 www.wcupa.edu/FinAid

# How Enrollment Changes Affect Financial Aid at WCU

### Withdrawal

Audit

Full-Time Part-Time

#### PHEAA Grants

## Impact on Aid

Be aware that withdrawing for the term can impact student's financial aid:

- Dependent on the timing of the withdraw, aid may be returned
- The exact amount of financial aid students are able to keep is based on their exact withdraw date
- If aid is returned, a balance may be owed to the university

Eligibility for aid upon returning to the University will depend upon:

- Resolving any unpaid balances
- Completing exit counseling for direct loans
- Requirements are met for financial aid, including academic progress and enrollment requirements

# Academic Progress

Students are required to maintain academic progress to receive aid. Federal and State requirements are different:

- For Federal Aid students must complete 67% of credits attempted. This includes all credits that a student is enrolled for past the drop/add period
- To remain academically eligible for a PA state grant (PHEAA) full-time students must complete 12 new credits per semester or 6 new credits per semester if they are part-time. This includes all credits that students are enrolled for past the add/drop period
- If state grant funding is received from another state besides PA, students should follow up with their state grant agency to check on academic progress requirements

# Loan Repayment

When students drop below half-time enrollment or withdraw from the University the following will happen:

- Exit Counseling has to be done even if students are still enrolled in one course and/or are planning to enroll at least half time in the future
- The grace period for repayment will begin. Direct loans have a grace period of 6 months before payments are due. Perkins Loans have a grace period of 9 months before payments are due
- If students are having difficulty repaying loans, they should reach out to their loan servicer to discuss options.
  Students can look up their loan servicer information at www.nslds.ed.gov