

**Wright State University  
School of Graduate Studies**

**Application for Fresh Start in a Graduate Program**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last) (MI) (Previous name(s), if any)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

**Telephone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fresh Start to be applied to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Program) (Major #)

I will be registering for course in the new program during the \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter, 20\_\_\_. I last attended a Wright State graduate program during the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter, \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand and willingly comply with the provisions of the Fresh Start Policy.

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Students do not write below this line)

**Courses recommended for transfer (not to exceed twelve quarter hours):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We \_\_\_ recommend \_\_\_ do not recommend that the student be granted a Fresh Start in our program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor's signature and date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dept Chair's/Prog. Director's signature and date

(Department/Program do not write below this line)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean, School of graduate Studies, signature and date

\_\_ APPROVED \_\_ DISAPPROVED

**Return completed form to the School of Graduate Studies, E344 Student Union**

## Fresh Start Policy

- ◆ This policy allows graduate students a "fresh start" when changing or returning to graduate programs within the School of Graduate Studies at Wright State University. A "fresh start" is defined as beginning a graduate program and having the graduate academic record recalculated to reflect no hours attempted and no graduate grade point average for the new program. A new program, for "fresh start" purposes, is defined as one to which a student transfers into while in active status or returns to from inactive status. All courses previously taken at Wright State University will remain on the student's academic record
- ◆ Course work completed in a previous WSU or other institutions' graduate programs will not be automatically transferred or applied to the requirements of the new program. The new graduate program may, however, recommend to the School of Graduate Studies which course previously taken are acceptable for transfer into the new program. In no cases will the transfer credit exceed twelve quarter hours. All credit recommended for acceptance must meet the transfer credit policy contained in the Graduate Catalog. After the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, approves the transfer credit, the program advisor should enter the courses on the student's program of study. Transfer credit will not be computed into the student's graduate grade point average for the new program.
- ◆ A student granted a "fresh start" will be admitted into the new program as a conditional degree seeking student.
- ◆ Concentrations of graduate programs do not constitute a new program and, therefore, do not apply to the "fresh start" policy.
- ◆ The new program must be completed with a minimum of 45 quarter hours of graduate credit.
- ◆ The seven year rule for completing the program requirements starts with the quarter that the student first registers for courses required by the new program.
- ◆ To be considered for a "fresh start", the student must submit an application to the Dean, School of Graduate Studies. Application forms are available in the School of Graduate Studies. The Dean can approve the application or defer action on it to the Student Affairs Committee of the Graduate Council which is the final appellate body for such decisions. The student and the academic program are advised by letter of the Dean's or the Student Affairs Committee's decision. If a favorable decision is rendered, the Registrar is sent a copy of the approved application and advised to make the appropriate adjustments to the student's academic record.
- ◆ Only one fresh start will be granted to a graduate student at Wright State University.
- ◆ Petitions to waive any of the conditions of the "fresh start" policy will not be favorably considered by the School of Graduate Studies.

### Fresh Start in Another Graduate Program

- ◆ A graduate student may be granted a "fresh start" in another graduate program if:
  - A. The graduate student is currently in active status or is in inactive status for less than five years since withdrawal or dismissal from a graduate program at Wright State University.
  - B. The student has applied for admission and has been accepted by a graduate program different from the one that the student is currently pursuing or had pursued (an admissions petition may have to be submitted to permit acceptance into the graduate program).

### Fresh Start in Another or the Same Graduate Program

- ◆ A fresh start into the same or new program may be granted to students who have withdrawn or were dismissed from a graduate program at Wright State University under the following conditions:
  - A. A period of time of no less than five years has expired since the student withdrew or was dismissed from a WSU graduate program.
  - B. The student has been accepted into the same or different graduate program (an admissions petition may have to be submitted to permit acceptance into the graduate program).