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Monday, 9.11 or Tuesday, 9.12, ACPC advisers will share resources and discuss the Academic Warning policy and how you can help students succeed in the future. Visit the [following link](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4da9ad2aa4fe3-fall) to sign up and see the other workshops in our series:

Fall 2017 is in full swing! To that end, ACPC advisers would like to remind you of Academic Warning, a new Penn State policy that affects approximately 250 Behrend students this semester. Students are placed on Academic Warning when, after completing 18 or more credits, their cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0.

Students who are currently on Academic Warning will have a hold on their Student Account in LionPATH that prevents Spring 2018 scheduling without meeting with their assigned adviser first. Students will remain on Academic Warning as long as their **cumulative** GPA is below a 2.0 and they have earned a **semester** GPA is at least a 2.0. If a student does not earn the **semester** GPA of at least a 2.0, the student will be suspended.

* Student meets with faculty adviser to formulate a success plan (ACPC suggests a minimum of 2 meetings prior to requesting the hold be released)
	+ **Initial Meeting** - Advisers can ask the student to fill out the **Self-Reflection Checklist** (see attached), where the student indicates the issues that they feel contributed to their academic difficulty. This leads to a productive and meaningful discussion between the student and adviser.
	+ **Follow up Meeting** – In the second meeting, the student can fill out the **Academic Action Plan** (see attached), with the help of the adviser. This is where the student can create goals and set action steps toward achieving those goals. This is an opportunity for the student to think critically about how they can improve their academic performance going forward.
	+ Ideally, the student will continue to work on their action plan and follow up with their adviser as needed.
* Faculty adviser requests hold to be lifted by emailing Jane Brady, Registrar.

To learn more about Academic Warning and the other stages of Academic Progress, please visit the [following link](https://handbook.psu.edu/content/academic-progress):

We welcome you to read more about how effective advising can make a difference for our [Academic Warning students](http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/portals/0/clearinghouse/links/documents/21-1-2-kirk-kuwaye_nishida-pp-40-45.pdf):

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the ACPC at 814-898-6164 and an adviser will be happy to speak with you.

Thank you,

The ACPC Advisers