# **DEFINITIONS**

## **New Student**

A new student is a student who has been admitted to a program and paid the enrollment deposit but not yet completed the first 7 days of the first program course.

## **Continuing Student**

A continuing student is a student who has completed **at least** the first 7 days of the first course in their program and not yet graduated from the program.

#### Course

A course is an educational component made up of academic content, assignments and activities, the successful completion of which earns a student credit hours toward completion of a program. A course is delivered and accessed online via a learning management system (LMS). A course is 7 weeks long.

## **Academic Plan/Program of Study**

A series of courses that make up a full degree or certificate program. All courses in a program must be successfully completed for a student to be considered for graduation.

### **Academic Year**

The academic year is August through July and consists of 3 terms (Fall, Spring, Summer).

#### Term

A term is the discrete length of time in which courses are offered. A term is 15 weeks and encompasses two 7-week sessions with a 1-week break in between them.

- · Fall Term is August December
- Spring Term is January April
- Summer Term is May July

### Session

A session is the discrete length of time during which a single course is completed. A session is 7 weeks.