

Degrees & Certificates Committee

A Standing Committee of the Education Advisory Council

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 | 2pm to 4pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Committee – Voting Members					
✓	Jon Briggs	✓	Beth Fitzgerald		Orlando Rivera
✓	Jess Brooks	✓	Ben Foster	✓	Adrian Rodriguez (Chair)
✓	Kristin Bryant	✓	Amanda Gallo	✓	Julianne Sandlin
✓	Laurie Chadwick	✓	Janeen Hull		Irene Seto
✓	Pat Cottrill	✓	Elizabeth McGlasson		
Committee Support – Non-Voting Members					
✓	Katelyn Goslin	✓	Nikki Patterson	✓	Edmond Wong
✓	Anne Haberkern	✓	Carmen Seto		
✓	Jessica Morfin	✓	Christy Weigel		
Guests					
Aubrey Baldwin (PL)		Robin Fisher (ID)		Wendie Siverts (CADD)	
Ellie Bessarab (OMT)		Chris Fletcher (VT)		Jennifer Vernon (ECE)	
Erik Fauske (MM)		Eric Kirchner (MT)		Stacie Williams (EAC Chair)	

Notes: Directions for Accessing CourseLeaf: Log into MyPCC, go to the Faculty tab, select the “Electronic Approval Queue” link under the Faculty Tools menu, and then select “Degrees and Certificates Committee Chair” in the drop-down menu.

Business Items

Credential	Recommend	Recommend w/ amendments	Postpone
1. AAS-AMG: Animation & Motion Graphics – Represented by: Erik Fauske	✓		
2. AAS-DTH: Dental Hygiene AAS Degree – Represented by: None	✓		
3. AAS-ID: Interior Design AAS Degree – Represented by: Robin Fisher	✓		

4. AAS-MICT: Microelectronics Technology AAS Degree – Represented by: <i>Eric Kirchner</i>	✓		
5. AAS-PARA: Paralegal AAS Degree – Represented by: <i>Aubrey Baldwin</i>	✓		
6. ACERT1-AIP: Design for Accessibility & Aging in Place One-Year Certificate – Represented by: <i>Robin Fisher</i>	✓		
7. ACERT1-PL: Paralegal One-Year Certificate – Represented by: <i>Aubrey Baldwin</i>	✓		
8. ACERTP-CHA: Childcare Aide Less Than One-Year: Career Pathway Certificate – Represented by: <i>Jennifer Vernon</i>	✓		
9. ACERTP-COPR: CAD Operator Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate – Represented by: <i>Wendie Siverts</i>	✓		
10. ACERTP-ECHE: Early Childhood Education Less Than One-Year: Career Pathway Certificate – Represented by: <i>Jennifer Vernon</i>	✓		
11. ACERTP-IDF: Interior Furnishings Less Than One-Year: Career Pathway Certificate – Represented by: <i>Robin Fisher</i>	✓		
12. ACERTP-TECD: Technical Designer Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate – Represented by: <i>Wendie Siverts</i>	✓		
13. PREREQ-EYE01: Eye Technician Academic Prerequisites and Requirements – Represented by: <i>Elvira Bessarab</i>		✓	
14. PREREQ-VET01: Veterinary Technology Academic Prerequisites and Requirements – Represented by: <i>Chris Fletcher</i>	✓		
Standing Policies			
None			

Consent Agenda

Items
ELECTV-EET: Renewable Energy Systems Elective List
ELECTV-MT: Microelectronics Technology Elective List

Business Items

Credential

AAS-AMG: Animation & Motion Graphics

- Removed MM 243.
- Removed MUC 218.
- Added MM 262.
- Added MM 269 as an “OR” option for MM 253.
- Added MM 280.

AAS-DTH: Dental Hygiene AAS Degree

- Updated State-Level Outcomes after accreditation visit.

AAS-ID: Interior Design AAS Degree

- Removed ID 121.
- Added ID 139.

AAS-MICT: Microelectronics Technology AAS Degree

- Removed CH 151 as a Chemistry I course option.
- Removed Chemistry II courses (5 credits).
- Removed PHY 203 OR PHY 213 (4 credits).
- Added Microelectronics Program Electives (9 credits).

AAS-PARA: Paralegal AAS Degree

- PL 204 changed from 2 to 3 credits.
- PL 250 changed from 2 to 3 credits.
- PL 295 changed from 2 to 3 credits.
- Paralegal Program Electives decreased from 14 to 12 credits.
- Paralegal Support Electives decreased from 8 to 7 credits.

ACERT1-AIP: Design for Accessibility & Aging in Place One-Year Certificate

- Removed GRN 181.
- Removed GRN 282.
- Removed ID 121.
- Added ID 139.
- Total certificate credits decreased from 50 to 45 credits.

ACERT1-PL: Paralegal One-Year Certificate

- PL 204 changed from 2 to 3 credits.
- PL 250 changed from 2 to 3 credits.
- PL 295 changed from 2 to 3 credits.
- Paralegal Program Electives decreased from 14 to 12 credits.
- Paralegal Support Electives decreased from 8 to 7 credits.

ACERTP-CHA: Childcare Aide Less Than One-Year: Career Pathway Certificate

- Removed HE 112.
- Added EMS 100.

ACERTP-COPR: CAD Operator Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate

- Removed CADD 235.
- Total certificate credits decreased from 19 to 16 credits.

ACERTP-ECHE: Early Childhood Education Less Than One-Year: Career Pathway Certificate

- Removed HE 112.
- Added EMS 100.

ACERTP-IDF: Interior Furnishings Less Than One-Year: Career Pathway Certificate

- Removed ID 121.
- Added ID 139.

ACERTP-TECD: Technical Designer Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate

- Added CADD 275 OR CADD 285 OR CADD 225 option.
- Added CADD 255 OR CADD 265 OR CADD 280 option.
- Total certificate credits increased from 27 to 33 credits.

PREREQ-EYE01: Eye Technician Academic Prerequisites and Requirements

- Added EMS 100 to Academic Prerequisites.
- Changed OMT 100 a prerequisite instead of a corequisite.
- Updated Academic Requirements: “Refer to the Eye Technician program page for further information about application requirements.”

PREREQ-VET01: Veterinary Technology Academic Prerequisites and Requirements

- Replaced CH 104 with CH 103 for Academic Prerequisites.

Standing Policies

- None

Consent Agenda

Items

- Approved

Reports

EAC: Stacie Williams

- To review the latest EAC news, visit:
<https://spaces.pcc.edu/pages/viewpage.action?spaceKey=EAC&title=Educational+Advisory+Council+%28EAC%29+Home>

TLCI: Anne Haberkern

- No report

Discussion

AAT/AST Degrees – Anne Haberkern

New AAT and AST degrees will come through DAC in February, there are nine for 2026-2027:

- AAT-ENGL English
- AAT-HDFS Human Development and Family Services
- AAT-SOCI Sociology
- AST-BIO Biology
- AST-BIZ Business
- AST-COMP Computer Science
- AST-HDFS Human Development and Family Services
- AST-PSYC Psychology
- AST-SOCI Sociology

For students who are planning to major in these disciplines at four-year colleges, these new degrees are meant to help with a smoother transfer from PCC. We are not able to modify requirements or language, but these degrees still need to go through established governance procedures prior to board approval. Adrian will host an optional meeting for members to discuss the new degrees prior to the February meeting, please be on the lookout for his email with more information.