To earn an associate's degree from Portland Community College (PCC) a student must successfully complete the Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements listed below along with additional the requirements for the specific associate's degree the student is pursuings. In addition, each degree requires basic competencies in Writing and Math. Competency requirements vary by associate's degree. Please check the competency requirements for specific degrees.

**Comprehensive Requirements**

1. **All candidates** a student must earn a minimum of 90 credits which count toward an associate's degree. (Credit courses numbered below 100 cannot be used to fulfill the 90 credit minimum requirement for any degree.)

2. **Residency Requirement:**
   A student must establish residency at PCC by earning accumulate at least 30 quarter hours credits of satisfactory work at PCC to establish residency. At least 24 Twenty-four of the credits earned at PCC must apply to the specific associate's degree the student is pursuing. (Non-traditional credit, credit transferred from another institution and credit for prior learning may or challenge credit cannot be used to establish the 30 quarter-hour residency requirement.)

3. **A student must satisfy basic competency requirements in writing and math. Competency requirements vary by associate's degree.**

4. **All candidates for a degree** a student must have a 2.0 grade point average (C average) or higher.

5. **Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirement limits are:**
   - PCC courses approved to be repeated for credit other than Cooperative Education may only be applied once in to satisfy the requirements for meeting a PCC degree or certificate requirement. A student may take a course additional times for credit, if the course is so designated, but those additional credits may not be used toward fulfilling PCC degree or certificate requirements. Specific Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees Certain CTE programs have exceptions to this requirement. Contact the relevant programs for information.
   - A maximum of 12 credits of Cooperative Education and/or Independent Study courses may be applied to the a degree. Specific AAS degrees that deviate from this maximum will state the degree maximum up to 24 credits (12 credits per year) in the degree requirements for the specific AAS degree.
• A maximum of 9 credits of 199 or 299 experimental courses may be applied to the degree. (These courses are numbered 199 or 299.)

• A maximum of 24 credits of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses may be applied to the degree.

• A maximum of 24 credits of “P” (Pass) grades will be applied to any degree. Specific AAS degrees that deviate from this maximum will state the degree maximum in the degree requirements for the specific AAS degree.