A106: Associate Degrees – Comprehensive Requirements

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 requirements for the specific associate’s degree the student is pursuing. 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** 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 at least 30 quarter hours of satisfactory work at PCC to establish residency. At least 24 of the credits earned at PCC must apply to the specific associate’s degree the student is pursuing. [One additional credit may be applied toward the 24-credit minimum for prior learning or challenge credit.] At least 30 quarter hours of the credits earned at PCC must apply to the specific associate’s degree the student is pursuing. [One additional credit may be applied toward the 24-credit minimum for prior learning or challenge credit.]

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

4. **All candidates** 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 to satisfy the requirements for attaining 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) degree 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 an AAS degree. Specific AAS degrees that deviate from this maximum will state the degree maximum in the degree requirements for the specific AAS degree.
Associate Degree Requirements - Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree is awarded to students in career technical programs who meet the requirements listed below. Many career technical programs require more than 90 credits for an associate's degree.

1. Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements
2. Associate of Applied Science Requirements
   a. The final 16 credits that apply to the degree must include at least eight credits at PCC that apply to the specific program requirements, excluding courses used solely for the General Education requirements. Students may apply to the department chair for an exception to this requirement if they can demonstrate competency in the field. All candidates must earn 24 credits from PCC that apply to the specific program requirements excluding courses used solely for the General Education requirements. See specific program requirements in the Catalog.
   b. General Education Requirements: Students must successfully complete a minimum of 4 courses 16 credits of General Education taken from the General Education Distribution/Discipline Studies List. The 4 courses 16 credits must include at least one course with a minimum of three credits from each of the following categories:
      - Social Sciences
      - Arts and Letters
      - Science/Math/Computer Science

The 16 credits must include at least one course with a minimum of three credits from each category. No more than two courses may come from courses required by specific programs. Because of these restrictions, it is possible a course is acceptable as General Education for some students while it is not acceptable for others. Students should consult an advisor or faculty member in an Associate of Applied Science degree program for advice on General Education courses appropriate to their goals and interests. General Education requirements will be waived for students who enroll at PCC with an AA, AAS, AGS, AS, BA, BS degree or higher from a regionally-accredited United States institution or foreign equivalent. Program-specific General Education requirements for some AAS degrees will not necessarily be waived. Students should consult the Career/Technical program department for specific courses required for General Education.

c. PCC Basic Competency Requirements for Writing and Math In the AAS Degree:

Writing: Competency in writing must be demonstrated by either:
   - Completing WR 121 with a C or better, or
   - Passing a lower division collegiate* writing course for which WR 121 is a prerequisite with a C or better

Students with AA, AAS, AGS, AS, BA, BS degrees or higher from a U.S. regionally-accredited institution or foreign equivalent will have the basic competency in writing (WR 121) waived. Other writing requirements specified by the program remain in effect.

Math: Competency in mathematics or computation must be demonstrated by:
   - Completing with a grade of C or P or better MTH 58, MTH 63 or MTH 65, or
   - Passing the PCC Competency Exam for MTH 65, or
   - Completing with a grade of C or P or better a MTH course (minimum three credits) for which MTH 58, MTH 63 or MTH 65 or higher level math skills are a prerequisite, or
   - Completing with a grade of C or P or better a career-technical computation course of three or more credits that aligns with and supports the program goals or intended outcomes, or
   - Completing with a grade of C or P or better all courses that comprise 90 hours of embedded related instruction in computation that aligns with and supports the program goals or intended outcomes.

d. Program Requirements:

All AAS candidates must complete a program of approved coursework in the major field. The Programs and Disciplines section of the Catalog contains these coursework requirements. No more than three credits (100-level and above) in Physical Education (PE) may be applied to an AAS degree unless specifically required by the program.

* See the Course Descriptions in PCC Catalog for a complete list.
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Lots to Keep Track of....

- ELIWG
  - https://spaces.pcc.edu/display/GEMAP
- GEARS
- Guided Pathways Team
  - https://spaces.pcc.edu/display/PGPT
Celebrate (i)rationally!

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FACULTY AND STAFF

PI(E) DAY!

Join in our campus wide Pi(e) Day event! Please bring a pie to share with each other. Savory pie, sweet pie, or even a cobbler! Check out the location nearest you to drop off your tasty treat!

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2019

We will also collect food for our Panther Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate. Each location will have a box. We will also have our world famous Pie-ku competition and coloring contest. See you there!

Mount Tabor Hall - TLC (MTH 109)
Student Commons - STEM Center (SCOM 231)
Mount Scott - 206
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