Educational Advisory Council Recommendation

Subject:
Revised Transfer Degrees: A102 – AAS and A104 – AGS

Relevant EAC Standing committee:
☐ Academic Policies & Standards Committee (APS)  ☐ Curriculum Committee (CC)
☒ Degrees and Certificates Committee (DAC)  ☐ Membership Committee (MC)
☐ Student Development Committee (SDC)

Brief summary of recommendation: On 5/24/2016, The EAC Voted to Recommend Approval

A102 – AAS & A104 – AGS
The Registrar requested a revision to include language that will allow some requirements to be waived, if a student has a prior degree from a regionally-accredited United States institution or foreign equivalent. The NEW or Substantive difference is simply to allow for “foreign equivalent”.

Statements from these degrees now read:

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.

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.

Signatures below represent the support and/or approval of this recommendation; the signature of a committee chair represents the support of the respective committee.

[Signatures]

Chair of relevant EAC standing committee  Date

Educational Advisory Council Chair  Date

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  Date

Portland Community College President  Date
Portland Community College

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.

The Associate of Applied Science is awarded to students who meet the following:

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 Education requirements. Students may apply to the department chair for an exception to this requirement if they can demonstrate currency in the field.

   b. General Education Requirements: Students 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.

   c. Career/Technical program department for specific courses required for General Education.

       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.

   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 provides a complete list of requirements in the major field.
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.

Policy/Standard Name: Associate Degree Requirements-Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)
Policy/Standard Identifier: A102
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Units responsible for review and update: Degrees and Certificates Committee, Registrar
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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.

The Associate of Applied Science is awarded to students who meet the following:

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 currency 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 requirements in the Catalog.

   b. General Education Requirements: Students must earn a minimum of 16 credits of General Education taken from the General Education Distribution/Discipline Studies List. These credits must come from courses taken in the following categories:

      - Arts and Letters
      - Social Sciences
      - 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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Associate Degree Requirements - Associate of General Studies Degree (AGS)

The Associate of General Studies degree is designed for students wishing to acquire a broad education, rather than pursue a specific college major or career technical program. Because flexibility of this degree, it may not fulfill requirements for transfer to a four-year institution.

The Associate of General Studies is awarded to students who meet the following:

1. Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements

2. Associate of General Studies (AGS) Requirements:

   A. General Education Requirement: Students must earn a minimum of 16 credits of General Education taken from the General Education/Discipline Studies List. These credits come from courses taken in the following categories:

      • Arts and Letters
      • Social Sciences
      • Science/Math/Computer Science

   The 16 credits must include at least one course with a minimum of three credits from each category. General Education requirements for the AGS degree will be waived if students who enroll at PCC with an AA, AS, AGS, AS, BA, BS degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent.

   B. Basic Competency Requirements in writing and math for the AGS 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 regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent, will have the basic competency in writing (WR 121) waived.

      Math: Competency in mathematics 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 of three credits) for which MTH 58, MTH 63, or MTH 65 or higher level math skills are a prerequisite

   C. Elective Credit Requirements - All students must complete elective credits to meet the overall requirement of 90 credits for this degree. Elective credits may apply from any numbered 100 or higher (either lower division collegiate or career technical). Elective credit limitations are:

      • Maximum of six credits (100 level and above) of Physical Education (physical education-PE) may apply
      • Maximum of six one-credit Management/Supervisory Development (MSD) credits of one-credit MSD workshops may apply
      • Maximum of 24 credits of Occupational Skills Training (OST) classes may apply

Policy/Standard Name: Associate Degree Requirements-Associate of General Studies (AGS)
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The Associate of General Studies degree is designed for students wishing to acquire a broad education, rather than pursue a specific college major or career technical program. Because of the flexibility of this degree, it may not fulfill requirements for transfer to a four-year institution.

The Associate of General Studies is awarded to students who meet the following:

1. Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements

2. Associate of General Studies (AGS) Requirements:

   A. General Education Requirement: Students must earn a minimum of 16 credits of General Education taken from the General Education /Discipline Studies List. These credits come from courses taken in the following categories:

      - Arts and Letters
      - Social Sciences
      - Science/Math/Computer Science

   The 16 credits must include at least one course with a minimum of three credits from each category. General Education requirements for the AGS degree will be waived for students who enroll at PCC with an AA, AAS, AGS, AS, BA, BS degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent.

   B. Basic Competency Requirements in writing and math for the AGS 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 regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent, will have the basic competency in writing (WR 1) waived.

      Math: Competency in mathematics 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 of three credits) for which MTH 58, MTH 63 or MTH 65 or higher level math skills are a prerequisite

   C. Elective Credit Requirements - All students must complete elective credits to meet the overall requirement of 60 credits for this degree. Elective credits may apply from any numbered 100 or higher (either lower division collegiate or career technical). Elective credit limitations are:

      - Maximum of six credits (100 level and above) of Physical Education (PE) may apply
      - Maximum of six one-credit Management/Supervisory Development (MSD) workshops may apply
      - Maximum of 24 credits of Occupational Skills Training (OST) classes may apply

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