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Associate Degrees – Comprehensive Requirements

Students earning an associate degree from Portland Community College must successfully complete the Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements listed below along with additional requirements for specific associate degrees. In addition, each associate degree requires basic competencies in Writing and Math. Competency requirements vary by associate degree. Please check the competency requirements for specific associate degrees.

Comprehensive Degree Requirements:

1. All candidates must earn a minimum of 90 credits which count towards an associate degree. Credit courses numbered below 100 cannot be used to fulfill the 90 credit minimum requirement for any degree.
2. Residency Requirement:
 - All candidates for a degree at Portland Community College must accumulate at least 30 quarter hours of satisfactory work at PCC to establish residency. Non-traditional credit, credit transferred from another institution or challenge credit cannot be used to establish the 30 quarter hour residency requirement.
 - Twenty-four of the credits earned at PCC must apply to the specific associate degree requirements the student is pursuing.
3. All candidates for a degree must have a 2.0 grade point average (C average) or higher.
4. Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirement limits are:

- PCC courses approved to be repeated for credit other than Cooperative Education may only be applied once in meeting a PCC degree or certificate requirement. Students 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. Certain CTE programs have exceptions to this requirement. Contact programs for information.
- A maximum of 12 credits of Cooperative Education courses may be applied to the 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 nine credits of 199 or 299 Experimental courses may be applied to the degree.
- 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 apply 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.