

Degrees and Certificates Committee Meeting

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A106: Associate Degrees – Comprehensive Requirements

~~To earn~~Students earning 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 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~~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. ~~[CNon-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 s~~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. 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~~may 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.

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 program requirements in the Catalog.

b. General Education Requirements: Students must **successfully complete earn** 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: category:**

~~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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Possibilities Playbook

Portland Community College
Career and Technical Programs and University Transfer Programs



TRANSFER COURSES CAN TAKE YOU ANYWHERE

Let's face it, the courses taken during the first two years of a four-year degree are similar no matter where you go. That's why **Portland Community College** credits transfer easily to state universities in Oregon.

DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

We've signed dual enrollment agreements with these institutions:

Portland State University
Oregon State University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Western Governors University
Concordia University
Linfield College

These programs make it easier to tailor your education to fit your personal goals, preferences and timelines. You'll meet staff and students from both schools who will introduce you to extensive course offerings. And, you'll work with advisers to make sure every course counts toward your degree.

- One application for both schools
- Advising available at either institution
- Increased schedule flexibility; access to more classes
- Access to services and participation in college life on both campuses
- Coordinated financial aid and scholarships
- Access to library and computer resources on both campuses
- Easier transition from community college to university
- Most affordable route to your degree (You pay each school's respective tuition rate.)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OREGON TRANSFER DEGREE

PCC has worked with the Oregon University System to create the Oregon Transfer Degree. It says you have met your freshman and sophomore general education requirements when you are admitted to any of their universities, including the University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Portland State University.

The degree requires you earn at least 90 credits, though all of them don't have to be from PCC. Like the equivalent freshman and sophomore years at a university, this program usually takes at least two years to complete.

The Oregon Transfer Degree includes courses in communications, arts and letters, social sciences, mathematics, sciences, computer science, physical education and health, plus electives.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE TRANSFER DEGREE

The Associate of Science (AS) degree is designed for students planning to transfer credits to a baccalaureate degree program at a four-year institution. It allows more freedom in course selection than the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree, but does not necessarily guarantee that students will be accepted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and general education requirements for a baccalaureate degree. When selecting courses for this degree, students should consult PCC advisors and the institution to which they will transfer to make sure that they are taking the correct courses.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE OREGON TRANSFER-BUSINESS

The Associate of Science Oregon Transfer - Business (ASOTB) degree is designed for students planning to transfer credits to any Oregon University system (OUS) school and seek entry into that institution's business school program. Students completing the ASOTB degree requirements, will have met the lower-division general education requirements of the OUS institution's baccalaureate degree programs. Additional courses will need to be met for the individual business schools. Students transferring will have junior status for registration purposes.

Admission to the business school program of an OUS institution is not guaranteed upon completion of the ASOTB degree. It is strongly recommended that students contact the specific OUS campus business school program early in the first term of their ASOTB program to be advised of additional requirements.

OUT-OF-STATE TRANSFER OPTION

PCC credits are readily accepted out-of-state, even at America's most prestigious colleges and universities. In fact, our alumni have gone on to such schools as MIT, Johns Hopkins and UC Berkeley. If you plan on transferring to a school that is not in the Oregon University System, you need to contact that school directly to determine their specific transfer requirements. We recommend you do this as soon as you know which school you are interested in.

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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!



**SOUTHEAST CAMPUS
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 Taber Hall - TLC (MTH 109)
Student Commons - STEM Center (SCOM 231)
Mount Scott - 206
Library - 222

