

Degrees and Certificates Committee Agenda
Wednesday March 13, 2019
Sylvania CC 233A
2 pm to 4 pm

Old Business:

AAS-PARA: Paralegal AAS Degree

ACERT1-PARA: Paralegal One-Year Certificate

NEW: ELECTV-PL02: Paralegal Support Electives

ACERT-CNC: CNC Turning One-Year Certificate

ACERT-MCHM: Manual Machining One-Year Certificate

New Business:

Directions for accessing the New Business agenda in Courseleaf: Log into MyPCC, open the “Electronic Approval Queue” link under “Tools” in the Faculty tab. Once you have opened the Electronic Approval Queue, select “Degrees and Certificates Committee Chair” from the Your Role drop-down menu.

Degree and Certificates:

AAS-EPG: Electric Power Generation Service Technology AAS Degree

NEW: ACERTP-GRAP: Activity Professional Certificate

Consent Agenda:

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ELECTV-CJA01: Criminal Justice Degree Electives

Awards:

NA

Reports:

EAC: Eriks Puris

DOI: Cheryl Scott

Policies:

A106-Associate Degrees – Comprehensive Requirements- follow on from February meeting (see February minutes) Eriks Puris

A102-Associate Degree Requirements – Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS): Eriks Puris

Discussion Items:

PCC degree residency requirements –Does the current requirement meet the evolving enrollment needs of our students? Is 30 credits the right number? See: A 106 for current policy.

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

- ~~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.)
- 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~~.)
- A student must satisfy basic competency requirements in writing and math. Competency requirements vary by associate's degree.
- ~~All candidates for a degree~~A student must have a 2.0 grade point average (C average) or higher.
- 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; ~~c~~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 ~~d~~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~~ iedy 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.

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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 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.

Policy/Standard Name: Associate Degree Requirements-Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)

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Authority:

Units responsible for review and update: Degrees and Certificates Committee, Registrar

Approval: College President

Responsibility: Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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