BP 4100 Graduation Requirement for Degrees Issued: June 19, 2018 and Certificates Revised: June 15, 2021

References:

Education Code Section 70902(b)(3); Title 5, Sections 55060 et seg.

The District grants the degrees of Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T), and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) to those students who have completed the subject requirements for graduation and who have maintained a 2.0 grade point average in subjects attempted. Students must also complete the general education residency and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 regulations. Students may be awarded multiple degrees provided that minimum requirements are satisfactorily met for each degree.

Students may be awarded Certificates of Achievement upon successful completion of a minimum of 16 or more semester units of degree-applicable coursework designed as a pattern of learning experiences to develop certain capabilities that may be related to career or general education. Students may also be awarded a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of 8 or more semester units of degree-applicable coursework if such certificate is approved by the state Chancellor.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Accomplishment upon successful completion fewer than 16 units of degree-applicable coursework designed as a pattern of learning experiences to develop certain capabilities that will be related to career. Note: Certificates of Accomplishments are not approved by the state Chancellor and are not noted on a student's transcript.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Completion/Competency upon successful completion of a sequence of noncredit coursework designed to prepare students for employment or to be successful in college-level coursework. Certificates of Completion/Competency are approved by the state Chancellor and appear on the student's transcript.

The President/CEO shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements that include appropriate involvement of the Academic Senate. The President/CEO shall establish procedures to assure compliance with Title 5 regulations. Procedures for implementing this policy will be developed in collegial consultation with the Academic Senate. All degree/certificates will be awarded upon successful completion of the graduation application process. The procedures shall assure that graduation requirements are published in the College Catalog and included in other resources that are convenient for students.