

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

6.10020 BP  
BOARD POLICY

ASSOCIATE DEGREES      In meeting the educational needs of the community, the district shall offer the individuals completing the required credits the following associates degrees:

Associate in Arts  
Associate in Arts Teaching  
Associate in Science  
Associate in Computer Science  
Associate in Engineering  
Associate in Applied Science

Any additional degrees that may become appropriate shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

To accommodate those students who have a strong need for a program leading to greater occupational competence but who for various reasons do not enroll in a regular degree program, the chancellor is authorized to develop certificate programs of less than the number of units required for an associate degree.

Standards for learning in certificate programs shall be equal to those in other programs in the college district. Certificate programs may include certificates of completions of a required curriculum and certificates of proficiency where standards of competencies are required. Such programs will conform to DHE regulations for certificate programs and receive appropriate district approval.

AWARDING DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

The district will award degrees and certificates to students who complete the required courses. The board of trustees must approve all degree offerings to ensure alignment to the mission of the district. Degrees will require completion of sixty (60) or more credits. To accommodate the need for programs requiring fewer credits, the district shall also offer certificates as appropriate to meet its mission. All degrees and certificates shall meet any relevant state and federal requirements. Specific course requirements for each degree and certificate offered shall be listed in the district catalog.

The college chief academic officer, in conjunction with the registrar's office will ensure that the awarding of all Degrees and Certificates is consistent for all campuses.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete the requirements with a 2.0 minimum MCC grade point average on a four-point grade scale to be eligible for award of a degree or certificate. Some degrees may require a higher-grade point average.

Students must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Complete 25% or more of the required credits at MCC and be enrolled any-time during the academic year of qualification for graduation.
2. Complete 60 or more credits at MCC.
3. No more than 50% of a general education degree program or certificate conferred by Metropolitan Community College can be earned through credit for prior learning.

EXCEPTIONS	Students participating in reverse transfer agreements, active-duty military and their dependents, reservists, and active-duty national guard are not required to be enrolled in the year of qualification for graduation.
HONORARY DEGREES	The district shall offer an Honorary Associate of Humanity Degree. An honorary degree is a prestigious recognition awarded to acknowledge outstanding achievements, exceptional leadership, significant contributions, or exceptional service that aligns with the values and mission of Metropolitan Community College. This degree is honorary and shall have no authority or relationship to credit bearing degrees.
POLICY MODIFICATION	This policy may be modified or revoked at any time at the sole direction of MCC's Board of Trustees.

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