DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

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DISTRICT REGULATION

DEGREES

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

Associate in Arts
Associate in Arts Teaching
Associate in Fine Arts
Associate in Science
Associate in Computer Science
Associate in Engineering
Associate in Applied Science
Bachelor of 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 chief academic officer is authorized to develop certificate programs of less than the number of units required for an associate's 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 completion 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. Bachelor's degrees will require completion of one hundred twenty (120) or more credits. Associate's 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 complete thirty (30) or more of the required credits for a bachelor's degree and fifteen (15) or more of the required credits for an associate's degree at MCC. No more than 50% of a degree or certificate that is primarily

intended for transfer can be earned through credit for prior learning. Students must be enrolled sometime during the academic year in which they graduate.

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.

REGULATION MODIFICATION

This regulation may be modified by the Chancellor through the shared governance process established at the institution.

ENFORCEMENT

This regulation and any applicable related procedures shall be strictly enforced. Violations may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

VALUES ALIGNMENT

Learning and Excellence

REFERENCE

6.20000 BP Degrees, Programs, and Curriculum
6.10022 DP Honorary Degree