OLD VERSION

G-30-7 Degrees/ Certificates (Requirements)

A certificate or degree is awarded when it meets the appropriate course requirements listed in the catalog and the student has met the following:

1. Complete the minimum number of credits required for the degree
2. Earn a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade-point average at COCC
3. Complete at least 24 degree-applicable residency credits for an associate's degree; 18 certificate-applicable residency credits for a certificate
4. One of the following criteria:
   a. Students have three years to complete their program under the catalog in which they began or any subsequent catalog. The student's choice of catalog years is based upon the student's attendance and the most recent year that the student applied to COCC:
      i. The student's default catalog year is the year the student is admitted to COCC and the student may graduate under that default catalog year or either of the next two catalog years.
      ii. If the student has a break in enrollment of more than four consecutive terms, the student must reapply to COCC and the default catalog year will now be the year the student is re-admitted.
      iii. The student's choice of catalog years is limited to two catalog years prior to the student's year of graduation. If the student does not graduate within three catalog years of student's admittance, the default catalog year will be updated yearly to the subsequent catalog year.
   b. The student transfers back to COCC, other college credits within the term immediately following the last term attended at COCC, excluding summer, and meets degree requirements listed in the current college catalog or the previous two catalogs.
   c. The student left COCC prior to completing degree requirements but through subsequent transfer credit meets degree requirements currently in effect at the time of final degree evaluation and award.
   d. When a student's completion of degree requirements coincides with the last term attended, the degree will be posted in that term. When the student uses transfer credits after an absence from the College, the degree will be posted in the term in which the degree evaluation is successfully completed, and when it has been determined that all degree requirements have been met.

MULTIPLE OR CONCURRENT DEGREES: Revised: 10/30/12 Students applying for multiple or concurrent degrees must meet the degree requirements outlined above and as listed for each degree in the catalog. For each additional degree, students must complete at least 15 COCC credits that are different than those used for the other degree(s) and are applicable to the additional degree requested.

PROPOSED VERSION

G-30-? Graduation Requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded a certificate or degree a student must:

1. Be admitted to COCC
2. Satisfy all course requirements as outlined in the student's designated catalog (see catalog year policy)
3. Complete the minimum number of credits required for the degree /certificate
4. Earn a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade-point average in COCC degree/certificate applicable courses
5. Complete appropriate number of COCC credits in residency (see credits in residency policy)

Catalog Year

The student's default catalog year reflects the published requirements in place during the academic year in which the student most recently applied to COCC. For the purposes of catalog year, an academic year begins in fall term and ends after the following summer term. Students have three years to complete their program under their default catalog. If the student does not graduate within three catalog years of student's admission, the catalog year will be updated yearly to the subsequent catalog year. If the student has a break in enrollment of more than four consecutive terms, the student must reapply to COCC and the default catalog year will be the year the student is re-admitted.

Students may select a more current catalog and would then follow the program requirements specified in that catalog. Students may not combine program requirements from multiple catalogs.

Students admitted to the nursing and Paramedicine selective admissions programs will be held to the catalog year requirements published in their respective Nursing or Paramedicine Selection Process Handbook, made available a year prior to the cohort start. For example, students admitted to the Nursing or Paramedicine programs for 2016-17 will have a catalog year of 2015-16. Once students are accepted to the nursing program, Admissions & Records will make any necessary adjustments to the catalog year.

Term of Graduation

When a student's completion of degree requirements coincides with the last term attended, the degree will be posted in that term.

If a student has an incomplete grade in their final term, the term of graduation will be the term in which the final passing grade is submitted and posted, and will not be the term in which the course was initially scheduled.

When current students use transfer credits to finalize their program requirements, the certificate/degree will be posted in the term in which the course articulation and final degree evaluation is successfully completed. If a student has had a break in attendance for four terms or more, and wishes to use transfer credits to finalize their program requirements, the student must reapply to COCC to have an updated degree audit established. The degree/certificate will be awarded based on the program requirements in the current catalog year, and term in which the course articulation and final degree evaluation is successfully completed.

Credits in Residency

Residency credits refer to courses completed at COCC that apply to the student's program of study. To qualify for an associate's degree, students must complete at least 24 degree-applicable credits at COCC; 18 certificate-applicable credits at COCC; or 3 OTM-applicable credits at COCC for the Oregon Transfer Module

Multiple or Concurrent Degrees

Students applying for multiple or concurrent degrees must meet the degree requirements outlined above and as listed for each degree in the catalog. For each additional degree, students must complete at least 15 COCC credits that are different than those used for the other degree(s) and are applicable to the additional degree requested.