

BP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Certificates and Associate Degrees

References:

Education Code Section 70902 subdivision (b)(3); Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

The Santa Clarita Community College District ("District") grants the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science, including Associate in Arts for Transfer and Associate in Science for Transfer, to those students who have completed the subject requirements for graduation and who have maintained a 2.0 average in degree-applicable courses. The Associate in Science degree shall include degrees in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and most Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. The Associate in Arts shall include all other disciplines. Students must also complete the general education, residence, and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 regulations.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of a minimum of 16 or more semester units of degree-applicable credit coursework designed as a pattern of learning experiences to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to career or general education.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Specialization upon successful completion of a program of study requiring less than 16 units of coursework. The issuance of a Certificate of Specialization shall not be recorded on a student's official transcript.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Competency upon successful completion of a noncredit program of study.

The CEO shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements that include appropriate involvement of the District's curriculum committee.

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