

Academic Standards and Practices

Associate Degrees -- Comprehensive Requirements

Students earning an associate degree from Portland Community College must successfully complete the Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements listed below along with additional requirements for specific associate degrees. In addition, each degree requires Basic Competencies in Writing and Math. Competency requirements vary by associate degree. Please check the competency requirements for specific associate degrees.

Comprehensive Degree Requirements:

1. All candidates must earn a minimum of 90 credits which count towards an associate degree. Credit courses, numbered 100 or less, cannot be used to fulfill the 90 credit minimum requirement for the AAOT, AS, ASOT-BUS and AAS Degrees
2. Residency Requirement:
 - All candidates for a degree at Portland Community College must accumulate at least 30 quarter hours of satisfactory work at PCC to establish residency.
 - Twenty-four of the credits earned at PCC must apply to the specific associate degree requirements the student is pursuing.
 - Non-traditional credit, credit transferred from another institution or challenge credit cannot be used to establish the 30 quarter hour residency requirement and the student petition process may not be used to waive the residency requirement.
3. All candidates for a degree must have a 2.0 grade point average (C average) or higher.
 - A maximum of 12 credits of Cooperative Education courses may be applied to the degree.
 - A maximum of nine credits of 199 or 299 Experimental courses may be applied to the degree.
 - A maximum of 24 credits of English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) courses may be applied to the degree.
 - A maximum of 12 credits of SP 270 may be applied to associate degrees.
 - A maximum of 24 credits of "P" (Pass) grades will apply to any degree. Specific AAS degrees that deviate from this maximum will state the degree maximum in the degree requirements for the specific AAS degree.

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