

Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree honors will be awarded to students with the following cumulative grade point average at CCCC:

4.0	Summa cum laude
3.75-3.99	Magna cum laude
3.5-3.74	Cum laude

Honors are calculated using all CCCC college-level coursework and transfer courses from other accredited colleges and universities. (Grades earned in developmental education courses are not included.)

Students participating in commencement ceremonies must purchase graduation regalia (cap and gown) from the college bookstore.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Students may earn an Associate of Arts degree or an Associate of Science degree. Students may also earn an Associate of Applied Science degree and certificates. See pages. 44-118 for specific degree plans. To graduate, students must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours at CCCC and satisfy all other degree requirements. Non-traditional and developmental course credit does not meet this residency requirement.

Candidates for an associate degree should submit an application for graduation at the beginning of the semester of degree completion.

SUMMER GRADUATES

Students with six hours or less remaining toward completion of an associate degree may participate in the current year's graduation ceremonies provided they are pre-registered for the appropriate summer courses. Students planning to complete graduation requirements during a summer session and participate in graduation ceremonies must file for graduation by the preceding spring semester deadline. Otherwise, summer graduates may participate in the following year's ceremonies.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Students obtaining certificates containing 18 hours or less must complete 15 hours of coursework in residence at CCCC. Petitions for transfer credits into certificate programs containing 18 hours or less may be made to the division dean through the Degree Plan Coordinator. Certificates will be awarded upon completion of program requirements. Although certificates are normally one year in length, the specific number of credit hours varies by program area. Students earning certificates may participate in commencement ceremonies.

Candidates for a certificate should submit an application for graduation at the beginning of the semester of degree completion.

HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

All students who complete 12 or more quality credit hours during a regular (16-week) term with a current 3.5 GPA or above qualify for the Dean's List.

All students who complete 12 or more quality credit hours during a regular (16-week) term with a current 4.0 GPA qualify for the President's List.

INCOMPLETE GRADES AND CONTRACTS

The "I" grade is assigned only for extenuating circumstances. Incomplete contracts must be agreed to and signed by the student, professor, coordinator and appropriate division dean before the end of the term in order for a grade of "I" to be assigned. The contract must define the exact requirements (not to exceed 20 percent of the coursework) the student is to fulfill in order to receive a performance grade. If remaining work is greater than 20 percent of the coursework, Vice President of Academic Affairs approval is required. Requirements of incomplete contracts must be completed as specified in the contract, but by no later than the end of the following 16-week term. The contract may state that if the work is not completed as specified, the grade will be changed to a performance grade based on the quality and amount of work completed. If no performance grade is specified on the contract and the contract is not fulfilled, an "I" will remain on the permanent record.

NON-TRADITIONAL COLLEGE CREDIT (NTCC)

Various credit options enable persons who have acquired knowledge and skills in non-traditional ways to demonstrate academic achievement. Credit may be given for college-level experience as demonstrated by acceptable test results regardless of the means by which the knowledge was acquired, except for college credit that has been previously granted. Students may also receive credit for some previous military training. Please note that a fee for test administration and transcript recording will be assessed. Without special permission from the Vice President of Academic Affairs, no more than 18 hours of NTCC may be counted toward a degree. NTCC will be transcribed only after six hours traditional, non-transfer credit is achieved at CCCC.

For additional information regarding College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations, departmental examinations, advanced placement tests, Tech Prep, armed forces credit, and credit for the completion of the Certified Professional Secretaries examination, contact the Director of Testing or the Admissions and Records Office.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS OF THE COLLEGE BOARD (AP)

Beginning freshmen who have received college-level training in secondary schools and who present scores of three, four, or five on the appropriate Advanced Placement Examination will be granted, on request, placement and credit for comparable courses at the college following the completion of six semester hours at CCCC. For more information contact the Director of Testing.

ARMED FORCES CREDIT

In addition to using credit earned at other institutions to achieve advanced placement at the college, students may also receive such standing by presenting evidence of having satisfactorily completed a program of military training for which equivalent college credit may be given in accordance with the American Council on Education Standards and Recommendations. Armed Forces credit is evaluated by the Degree Plan Coordinator.

COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

Most public-supported colleges and universities have agreed to accept as transfer credits all CLEP credit granted by regionally accredited institutions using the criteria below. Students planning to use CLEP credit to meet degree requirements at other institutions should check the requirements of the receiving institution. CLEP General Exams are not evaluated for credit at CCCC. The college uses the following criteria for CLEP Subject Examination evaluation:

1. CLEP credit shall be recorded on transcripts with a "CR" in order to be clearly recognized as credit earned by examination.
2. CLEP credits shall not be granted if they duplicate credits for courses already completed.
3. Credit is awarded for CLEP Subject Examination scores at or above the 70th percentile. Official score reports should be sent to the Director of Testing.
4. A \$10 non-refundable processing fee will be charged for each CLEP examination in addition to the required fee for the CLEP examination.

CREDIT BY EXAM (DEPARTMENTAL EXAMS)

Credit for some courses may be granted upon successful completion of a comprehensive examination over the content of the course. A non-refundable fee is charged for each course examination. Students must be currently or previously enrolled or have earned credit at the college to receive credit by examination. Credit by exam may be attempted only once for any given course. The student must score at or above 70 percent to receive credit for the course. Some credit by exams may require portfolio review.

OUTSIDE AFFILIATIONS

All learning experiences undertaken in affiliation with outside agencies are under the control and supervision of a faculty member or clinical director at CCCC.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW FOR CREDIT

If a credit by exam requires portfolio review before credit is awarded the students must follow the steps outlined below.

1. The student must pick up an institutional Credit by Exam/Portfolio Review form from a campus Testing Center.
2. Contact one of the full-time faculty in the discipline for an appointment to review the student's portfolio.
3. The professor will review the portfolio to see if the coursework meets all the course requirements for which the student seeks credit.
4. If the student's portfolio meets or exceeds the competencies, the professor will complete and submit the Credit by Exam form which will be returned to a campus Testing Center for credit.

If the student's coursework does not meet the competencies, he/she will be advised to take the course.

STUDENT RECORDS

PROCEDURE TO INSPECT EDUCATION RECORDS

Students may inspect and review their education records upon request to the registrar. Students should submit to the Registrar a written request that identifies as precisely as possible the record or records they wish to inspect. Contact the Registrar for procedures on students' rights of inspection, review, and correction of educational records.

DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATION RECORDS

CCCC will disclose information from a student's education records only with the prior written consent of the student, except with regard to the law that provides for disclosure without consent as indicated below:

1. To school officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the records.
2. To other schools.
3. To certain officials of the U.S. Department of Education, the Comptroller General, and state and local educational authorities in connection with certain state or federally supported education programs.
4. In connection with a student's request for or receipt of financial aid, as necessary to determine the eligibility, amount or conditions of the financial aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid.
5. If required by a state law requiring disclosure that was adopted before November 19, 1974.
6. To organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the college.
7. To accrediting organizations to carry out their functions.
8. To parents of an eligible student who claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes unless the student has restricted records disclosure.
9. To comply with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena.
10. To appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency.