



**NORTHERN
PENNSYLVANIA
REGIONAL COLLEGE**

Policy: NPRC-3530: Credit Requirements for
Academic Programs

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Subject: Credit Requirements for Academic Programs

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish credit requirements for academic programs.

2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

All Associate degrees, Certificates, and other academic credentials awarded are subject to the conditions set forth in this policy.

3. REFERENCES

None

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1 An Associate degree is an academic program of study with an established curriculum which may be completed by a full-time student in two academic years.

4.2 A Certificate is an academic program of study with an established curriculum which may be completed by a full-time student in one academic year.

4.3 An academic occupation-based skill set is an academic program of study with an established curriculum requiring courses related to a(n) industry-recognized credential, specific career or job, specialized skills or skill sets.

5. POLICY

5.1 All Associate degrees require successful completion of at least 60 credit hours.

5.2 All Certificates require successful completion of at least 30 credit hours.

5.3 All academic occupation-based skill sets require successful completion of 6 to 29 credit hours.


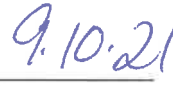
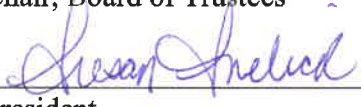
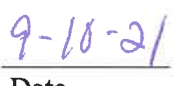
6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIMELINES

The Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs is responsible for the administration of this policy.

7. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on a regular basis in accordance with College's policy regarding policy review and amendment.

8. SIGNATURES

	
Chair, Board of Trustees	Date
	
President	Date

Attachments: None

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Revision Notes: Policy in Origination