



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

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Chair, Board of Trustees

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President

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Attachments: None

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