

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements

Requirements for degrees, certificates and diplomas are subject to approval by the Oregon Department of Education. In order to officially graduate and receive a diploma, students must submit an online application for graduation via Self Service in myClackamas. It's recommended that students submit a Graduation Application two terms prior to their anticipated term of completion. Students have until the sixth week of each term to apply for graduation for the current term. Graduation applications submitted after the sixth week will be handled in date order and may be processed for the current term as time allows.

General Requirements

(applies to all degrees, certificates and diplomas)

You will be evaluated for degree and/or certificate requirements under the current catalog unless you request a prior catalog year. A catalog year is based on Clackamas Community College's academic year (Summer through Spring term).

You must meet the following conditions to request an exception:

- complete 25% of your degree and/or certificate requirements at CCC
- the prior catalog cannot be more than five years old (e.g. in 2024-25, the oldest catalog that can be used is 2019-20)
- earn at least one college credit at CCC in the catalog year selected

The awarding of the credential becomes official only when graduation information has been posted to your transcript.

Multiple Degrees/Certificates of Completion

Students may earn multiple different degrees. Students must meet all the requirements for each degree or certificate.

Please note that a separate Graduation Application must be submitted for each individual degree and/or certificate of completion that you are attempting to earn.

To Successfully Graduate

You will be more likely to graduate if you do the following:

- Send all official transcripts from regionally accredited colleges/universities to Graduation Services as soon as possible to have your coursework evaluated early
- Talk with an Academic Advisor early and often
- Complete all requisites for required courses
- Speak to your Academic Advisor to change your academic program of study if you change your mind about what you are studying
- If you plan to transfer to a four-year university or college, contact that institution to inquire about articulation agreements in your field of study

- Submit a Graduation Application two terms before you think you will be finished with classes so CCC can confirm you are on the track to completing your degree or certificate graduation requirements on time

Commencement Ceremony

Students can graduate all four terms at CCC, Summer, Fall, Winter & Spring. A formal Commencement Ceremony is held at the end of Spring term in June. Students who complete degree or certificate requirements during preceding terms are invited to participate in the Spring term commencement ceremony.

Honors status is granted to students achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above on total credits earned at Clackamas. The honors status of Spring term graduates is determined by cumulative GPA through the preceding Winter term.