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The Florida State Board of Education adopted an amendment to State Board Rule 6A-14.030, Florida Administrative Code, on November 23, 1999 that defines and redefines the degree, certificates, and diplomas that community colleges operating in Florida are authorized to award. In accordance with the amended rule, Broward Community College offers seven distinct awards.

Associate in Arts Degree

Definition: The Associate in Arts degree is a transfer degree that provides a course of study equivalent to those offered to freshman and sophomore students in the lower division of Florida’s state universities. The degree includes thirty-six hours of general education which parallel the university requirements and twenty-four hours of electives in preparation for a major area of study.

Requirements:

- ◆ Complete sixty semester hours of college credit from the applicable catalog including
 - (a) thirty-six college-level semester credit hours of general education courses in five subject areas: communications, mathematics, social science, humanities, and natural sciences.
 - (b) twenty-four college-level semester credit hours of electives which should include the required prerequisites for the major at the university
- ◆ Complete the prescribed college preparatory/English as a Second Language Courses, if required, with a grade of “C” or higher,
- ◆ Satisfy the Gordon Rule (State Board of Education 6A-10.30) writing and mathematics requirements,
- ◆ Achieve a passing score on all four sections of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or satisfy the CLAST alternative criteria,
- ◆ Complete 25 percent of the prescribed college-level semester credit hours at Broward Community College and be enrolled at BCC during the semester the degree is completed,
- ◆ Earn a cumulative degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher at BCC including transfer credits in courses which comprise the associate in arts degree, and
Fulfill all financial and other obligations to the College.

History:

Approved by the Board of Trustees	Date 02/28/01	President’s Signature 	Date 02/28/01
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Associate in Science Degree

Definition: The Associate in Science degree is a career education and transfer degree. It is a sixty plus college credit degree intended to prepare students for immediate employment in a specific occupational area and/or prepare students to transfer into the Florida State University System. The degree requires the completion of at least fifteen to eighteen credit hours of transferable general education courses that meet the *Criteria* of Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as well as technical courses that may or may not transfer. The general education courses will transfer and apply toward the thirty-six hours required for the baccalaureate degree in the Florida State University System.

Requirements:

- ◆ Complete the minimum number of requisite college-level semester credit hours as established for the specific program in Florida State Board of Education Rules,
- ◆ Complete the program of study as set forth in the applicable College catalog,
- ◆ Complete a minimum of fifteen college-level semester credit hours of the prescribed program's transferable general education courses that include the following: ENC 1101, three (3) credits in Social/Behavioral Sciences, three (3) credits in Humanities/Fine Arts, three (3) credits in Natural Sciences/Mathematics, and three (3) credits designated by the program,
- ◆ Complete the oral communication competency and computer competency requirements as specified in the prescribed program,
- ◆ Complete the prescribed college preparatory/English as a Second Language Courses, if required, with a grade of "C" or higher,
- ◆ Complete 25 percent of the prescribed college-level semester credit hours at Broward Community College and be enrolled at BCC during the semester the degree is completed,
- ◆ Earn a cumulative degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher at BCC including transfer credits in courses which comprise the associate in science degree, and
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Associate in Applied Science Degree Requirements

Definition: The Associate in Applied Science degree is a college-level/technical degree. Graduates are prepared for immediate entry into the workforce and have the communications, and problem solving, and academic skills necessary to successfully complete in the job market and advance in the workforce. The Associate in Applied Science degrees provide the same career preparation as the Associate in Science degree but is not designed as a college



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transfer program. The degree may transfer to some universities under special articulation agreements between the college and the university.

Requirements

- ◆ Complete the minimum number of requisite college-level semester credit hours as established for the specific program in Florida State Board of Education Rules,
- ◆ Complete the program of study as set forth in the applicable College catalog,
- ◆ Complete a minimum of fifteen college-level semester credit hours of the prescribed program’s transferable general education courses that include the following: ENC 1101, three (3) credits in Social/Behavioral Sciences, three (3) credits in Humanities/Fine Arts, three (3) credits in Natural Sciences/Mathematics, and three (3) credits designated by the program,
- ◆ Complete the oral communication competency and computer competency requirements as specified in the prescribed program,
- ◆ Complete the prescribed college preparatory/English as a Second Language Courses, if required, with a grade of “C” or higher,
- ◆ Complete 25 percent of the prescribed college-level semester credit hours at Broward Community College and be enrolled at BCC during the semester the degree is completed,
- ◆ Earn a cumulative degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher at BCC including transfer credits in courses which comprise the associate in science degree, and
- ◆ Fulfill all financial and other obligations to the College.

Technical Certificate

Definition: A Technical Certificate is a program of study of less than sixty credits of college-level technical courses that prepares students with the opportunity for immediate employment in a specific occupation field. It generally does not require the completion of general education courses. The certificate may be a part of an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree, thus permitting the student to receive credit for the certificate courses.

Requirements:

- ◆ Complete the minimum number of requisite college-level semester credit hours as established for the specific program in Florida State Board of Education Rules,
- ◆ Complete the program of study as set forth in the applicable College catalog,
- ◆ Complete the prescribed college preparatory/English as a Second Language Courses, if required, with a grade of “C” or higher,



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- ◆ Complete 25 percent of the prescribed college-level semester credit hours at Broward Community College and be enrolled at BCC during the semester the certificate is completed,
- ◆ Earn a cumulative degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher at BCC including transfer credits in courses which comprise the associate in science degree, and
- ◆ Fulfill all financial and other obligations to the College.

Vocational Certificate

Definition: A Vocational Certificate is a program of study usually one year or less consisting of a prescribed number of vocational credits (non-college level credit). One vocational credit is equal to 30 contact hours of classroom instruction. The program focuses on providing students with the specific skills for immediate job entry. The Vocational Certificate is awarded upon completion of all vocational program courses and demonstration of attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements in reading and mathematics as defined by Florida State Board of Education Rules.

Requirements:

- ◆ Complete the minimum number of requisite vocational clock/credit hours as established for the specific program in Florida State Board of Education Rules,
- ◆ Complete the program of study as set forth in the applicable College catalog,
- ◆ Achieve appropriate minimum basic skills grade levels for the program adopted in rule 6A-6.0571, FAC on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) or other tests designated in the Rule (Students pursuing a vocational certificate with an associate in arts degree, who have completed the college-level communication and computation skills examination (CLAST) pursuant to Section 240.107, *Florida Statutes*, or have met the minimum cut scores on any test listed in the above mentioned rule may be exempt from the test requirement),
- ◆ Complete 25 percent of the prescribed vocational clock/credit hours at Broward Community College and be enrolled at BCC during the semester the certificate is completed,
- ◆ Earn a cumulative degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher at BCC including transfer credits in courses which comprise the vocational certificate. For certificate programs with only pass-fail grades, earn a passing grade in all courses, and Fulfill all financial and other obligations to the College.



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Applied Technology Diploma

Definition: The Applied Technology Diploma consists of a course of study that is part of an Associate in Science degree or an Associate in Applied Science degree and leads to employment in a specific occupation. The diploma may consist of either vocational credit or college-level semester credits and is approximately fifty percent of the technical component of the degree. Transfer of coursework that is part of an Applied Technology Diploma to an associate degree program is guaranteed for a period of three years following the date of the award of the Applied Technology Diploma and based upon the Associate in Science degree or Associate in Applied Science degree articulation agreement.

Requirements:

- ◆ Complete the minimum number of requisite college-level semester credit hours as established for the specific program in Florida State Board of Education Rules,
- ◆ Complete the program of study as set forth in the applicable College catalog,
- ◆ Complete the prescribed college preparatory/English as a Second Language Courses, if required, with a grade of “C” or higher,
- ◆ Complete 25 percent of the prescribed college-level semester credit hours at Broward Community College and be enrolled at BCC during the semester the diploma is completed,
- ◆ Earn a cumulative degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher at BCC including transfer credits in courses which comprise the applied technical certificate, and
- ◆ Fulfill all financial and other obligations to the College.

Advanced Technical Certificate

Definition: The Advanced Technical Certificate is a program of instruction consisting of at least nine credit hours but less than forty-five credit hours of college-level courses. The certificate is awarded to students who have already received an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science or related undergraduate degree and who are seeking an advanced specialized program of study to supplement their degree.

Requirements:

- ◆ Complete the program of study as set forth in the applicable College catalog,



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- ◆ Complete 25 percent of the prescribed college-level semester credit hours at Broward Community College and be enrolled at BCC during the semester the diploma is completed,
- ◆ Earn a cumulative degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher at BCC including transfer credits in courses which comprise the associate in science degree, and
- ◆ Fulfill all financial and other obligations to the College.