

GRADUATION, DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Policy:

The College will award a degree or certificate when students have met specific requirements.

Procedure:

Associate in Arts

The Associate in Arts Degree is awarded to students who meet either of the following requirements:

- (1) Complete a minimum of 64 semester hours to include the 40 semester hour basic core curriculum and 24 semester hours of transferable electives (a maximum of four activity hours may be applied toward graduation); and, attain an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- (2) Complete the first two years of a baccalaureate program of study found in any accredited four year college or university catalog which has become effective since the student began college studies; and, attain an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

In order to receive an Associate Degree a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the hours applied toward the degree must be completed at Pearl River Community College.

Computer proficiency is required of all students who receive an Associate in Arts degree. This proficiency may be demonstrated by passing an academic computer science course or passing a computer proficiency test. The Vice President for Instruction may consider declaring a student computer proficient based on documentation of appropriate employment experience.

Associate in Applied Science Degree

The Associate in Applied Science Degree is awarded to a student who completes the prescribed technical course of study in his or her chosen field as outlined in the college catalog and attains an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

Certificate of Proficiency

The Certificate of Proficiency is awarded to a student who completes the prescribed career course of study in his or her chosen field as outlined in the College Catalog and attains an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

****NOTE** - In order to participate in commencement exercises and receive a diploma, a candidate for graduation must file an application for graduation with the Vice President for Instruction, the Director of Career and Technical Education Programs (Poplarville), the Dean of Forrest County Center, or the Director of the Hancock Center. A student should apply for graduation one semester prior to the anticipated graduation date.