

DAVIDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Students

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

POLICY 5.2.10

A student who is not in continuous enrollment at the College or who changes from one major to another will graduate under the catalog in effect at the time of re-enrollment or major change. Continuous enrollment excludes the summer term.

Course requirements for a degree, diploma, or certificate will vary according to the curriculum. The student should refer to "My Progress" in Student Planning to identify the course requirements for graduation. It is the student's responsibility to complete the Application for Graduation prior to the deadline listed on the student calendar during the semester in which they intend to graduate. Students who owe tuition, fees, and/or fines to the College may not participate in the commencement ceremony or receive official transcripts or the final credential until all balances are paid.

Students transferring to the College must pass at least 25% of the required semester hours of credit at the College in order to be eligible to graduate with a degree, diploma, or certificate. The 25% resident credit may not include transfer, CLEP, Advanced Placement or other forms of advanced standing credit.

The criteria will be used in determining the eligibility for graduation of a student at this institution:

- 1.** A candidate for a degree, diploma, or certificate must have successfully completed all credit hours as specified in the College catalog for a specific degree, diploma, or certificate.
- 2.** A candidate for a degree, diploma, or certificate must have completed all course work as set forth in the College catalog for a specific degree, diploma, or certificate. Course requirements may be waived or substitutions allowed within the provisions of the State Curriculum Standards.
- 3.** A candidate for a specific degree, diploma, or certificate must have earned at least a 2.0 grade point average. Only grades in those courses credited to the program for which they are to receive a degree, diploma, or certificate are included in the grade point average. When a student has more unrestricted elective hours than the program

requires, the GPA will be calculated using elective courses with the highest grades for the specified number of unrestricted elective hours.

Graduation with Honors

The College recognizes students who have done outstanding scholastic work as honor graduates. Graduation with High Honors is granted to students in degree, diploma, and certificate programs who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher. Graduation with Honors is granted to students in degree, diploma, and certificate programs who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and less than 3.8. The determination of Honors or High Honors for a credential will be based upon the cumulative GPA at the time of completion.

Commencement Exercise

A commencement exercise to award degrees, diplomas, and certificates is held at the end of the spring semester. Students who meet graduation requirements at times other than the end of spring semester may participate in the commencement exercise the following spring. Students who have registered for the remaining courses needed to complete their diploma or degree requirements, excluding certificates, in the following summer term and have a maximum of two (2) courses to complete their credential may participate in the spring commencement ceremony. However, students will not receive the credential or have it noted on the transcript until all graduation requirements are completed.

Adopted: April, 2020