

## Graduation Requirements

### I. Policy Section

7.0 Instruction

### II. Policy Subsection

7.20 Graduation Requirements

### III. Policy Statement

To be awarded an associate's degree at Grand Rapids Community College, students must have:

- Completed at least 60 credit hours of course work.
- Completed at least 15 credit hours of course work at GRCC.
- Completed the coursework outlined in the GRCC catalog for the program in which they are enrolled.
- Earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in all course work completed at GRCC.
- Earned at least 6 credits of English composition or at least 3 credits of English composition and 3 credits in a Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) aligned communication course for all Associate degrees for the degree they are seeking.
- Earned credit for the appropriate general education Group Distribution Requirements for the degree they are seeking.
- No courses below 100 level will be used toward graduation requirements, including the minimum number of credits that need to be completed.
- A maximum of two Wellness credits may be applied toward graduation unless they are specified as a program requirement.

### IV. Reason for the Policy

To better align GRCC graduation requirements with the new MTA requirements and the GRCC Curriculum Model; ensure that the requirements are clear and meet the needs of all students; and evaluate the necessity and purpose of individual graduation elements.

### V. Entities Affected by this Policy

All GRCC Faculty, Staff, and Students

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

All GRCC Faculty, Staff, and Students

VII. Related Documents

GRCC Catalog  
Residency Policy

VIII. Contacts

Policy Owner: Academic Governing Council (AGC)

Dean of Instructional Support  
Student Records  
Counselors/Academic Advisors

IX. Definitions

Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) -- is designed to facilitate the transfer of general education requirements from community colleges to four year colleges and universities.

General Education Courses -- The GRCC General Education Program is comprised of English Composition and three distribution groups: Humanities (Group I); Social Sciences (Group II); Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Group III).

Procedures

Graduation requirements are incorporated into every Academic Program and are used to verify graduation.

X. Forms

Graduation Application--

<http://www.grcc.edu/studentrecords/graduation/graduationapplicationintroduction>

XI. Effective Date

Start of Fall Semester 2017

XII. Policy History  
Approved at AGC on November 10, 2015

XIII. Next Review/Revision Date  
During the 2020-2021 Academic Year