

Policy No. & Title: A122: GRADUATION FROM APPROVED COLLEGE PROGRAMS

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1. PURPOSE

This policy defines the minimum academic standards required by all students to graduate from approved College programs including minimum grade point average (GPA), length of time to complete program requirements and recognition of academic excellence.

2. DEFINITIONS

College Credential: A certificate, diploma, advanced diploma or applied degree issued by Fanshawe College.

3. THE POLICY

3.1. Graduation from approved College programs requires a student to complete the program curriculum, to meet its academic standards and to achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C grade), except in Applied Degree programs, where a student must achieve a minimum average GPA of 2.5 (C+) in vocational courses and a GPA of 2.0 (C) in all other courses.

3.2. Course credits applied toward a student's graduation from one academic program are limited in their use as credit toward that student's graduation from another program. At a minimum, the College does not accept use of such credits to meet the residency requirement of another program.

3.3. Progress Toward Graduation

A student must meet the academic standards and current competencies of the program in order to graduate. From initial registration, a student is limited to a maximum of seven years (full-time or part-time) to complete program curriculum. A student extending beyond that time frame and/or not meeting the standards or competencies will be assessed to determine if upgrading measures are necessary or available.

In circumstances where a post-secondary program has been suspended or cancelled, a student has four years to complete its curriculum from the date of the program suspension or cancellation.

3.4. College Residency Requirement

To be eligible for any College Credential a student must be enrolled and complete at least 25% of that program's credit units at Fanshawe College, unless stipulated differently by other approving bodies such as the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB).

3.5. Recognition of Academic Excellence

3.5.1. *Dean's Honour Roll: In recognition of academic excellence, a student who achieves a term grade point average of 3.9 while maintaining a full-time course load in their program is named to the Dean's Honour Roll.*

3.5.2. President's Honour Roll: In recognition of academic excellence, a student who achieves a cumulative program grade point average of 4.0 is named to the President's Honour Roll.

3.5.3. The Dean's Honour Roll and President's Honour Roll designations are determined following the grade point average calculation process established in College policies 2-C-04: Course Grade System and 2-C-05: Academic Standing. Field placement and clinical performance, while not calculated as part of the GPA, may influence the awarding of these designations.

3.6. Exceptions to Graduation Criteria

3.6.1. In certain cases, with the approval of the Senior Vice-President, Academic, the minimum GPA may be higher than 2.0 and is based on such factors as the need to demonstrate enhanced mastery in specific subject matters.

3.6.2. In certain cases, such as rapidly changing currency of subject matter, a student may be limited to less than seven years to complete a program curriculum with the approval of the Senior Vice-President, Academic, in consultation with the Registrar.

3.7. Students receiving a College Credential are entitled to attend a subsequent graduation ceremony at Fanshawe College.

4. REFERENCES

PEQAB Handbook: <http://www.pegab.ca/handbooks.html>

College Policies

[A103: Fanshawe College Credentials](#)

[A108: Admission of Students to Post-Secondary Programs](#)

[A112: Course Grade System](#)

[A121: Graduation Ceremonies](#)

[A122: Graduation from Approved College Programs](#)

[A124: Recognition of Prior Learning](#)

[A126: Program Excellence](#)

5. ATTACHMENTS

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