

Graduation requirements for degrees and certificates

Rogue Community College offers a range of programs designed to guide students to their educational goals.

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree is a two-year degree for a variety of career and technical programs.

The Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer (AA/OT) degree is a two-year transfer program, as is the Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer degree in Business (AS/OT).

The Associate of Science (AS) degree is designed for students transferring to baccalaureate degree programs in applied areas.

The Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree allows students and advisors to “tailor” a degree to fit special needs. All degrees and certificates have a general education component.

Certificates recognize satisfactory completion of specific career and technical programs which may be up to six terms in length.

Course requirements for degrees and certificates are listed in the “Programs of Study” section of this catalog and on advising guides available in the Counseling Department or the appropriate instructional department.

Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer degree

The Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer degree clearly defines a program of study designed for students who intend to transfer to an Oregon university. By completing degree requirements (and major prerequisites if applicable), students will qualify for junior standing for registration purposes upon admission to any university in the state system.

The Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer degree can be earned by meeting the following requirements:

- Be admitted to the program
- Complete a minimum of 90 term credits of college-level courses (a maximum of 12 career and technical credits are allowed) with a minimum grade of “C” (at least nine credits must be at the 200 level)
- Complete any required prerequisites with a minimum grade of “C” or better

- Complete a minimum of 24 credits toward the degree at RCC

Degree requirements

Writing/Composition Skills	2 courses
Oral Communication	1 course
Math (above 100)	1 course
Fitness/Health/P.E.	3 credits
Humanities (chosen from two disciplines)	3 courses
Social Science (chosen from two disciplines)	4 courses
Science/Math/Computer Science (chosen from two disciplines; including three lab science courses)	4 courses
Electives (recommended college-level courses by major area to meet degree requirements of 90 credits)	variable credits

Students may transfer a maximum of 108 credits to a four-year institution.

Students who have graduated from high school or completed a high school equivalency program in 1997 or after must meet the following requirement for admission to an Oregon university:

1. Two years of the same high school-level language, or
2. Two terms of college-level language either with a grade of “C” or better (may be first-year language which can be used as elective credits on the Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer degree)

NOTE: If students plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree at a four-year school, they must have a proficiency in a foreign language regardless of when they graduated from high school or equivalency program.

Students should check with the institution to which they intend to transfer, as certain OUS majors may require additional coursework toward graduation.

Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university may select courses within the requirements of the AA/OT degree that will apply to the following majors at OUS schools:

Architecture
Art
Biological Sciences
Business Administration
Chemistry

Communications
Education (elementary/secondary)
Engineering
English/Literature
Environmental Sciences/Forestry
Geology
Health/PE/Exercise Science
History
Mathematics
Music
Physics
Pre-professional Medicine (Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Medical Imaging, Medicine, Optometry, etc.)
Psychology
Sociology

Contact the Counseling Department for more specific information on programs and coursework.

Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer degree in Business

The Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer degree in Business defines a program of study to fulfill lower division general education requirements for a bachelor’s degree at Oregon University System (OUS) institutions. It is designed for students transferring to baccalaureate degree programs in a variety of business majors. Those completing the AS/OT-Business degree are assured junior level standing and will have met the lower division general education requirements of any institution in the Oregon University System.

Students should contact the specific OUS campus’ Business School or program early in the first year of their AS/OT-Business program to be advised about additional requirements and procedures for admission to the school or program.

The Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer degree in Business can be earned by meeting the following requirements:

- Be admitted to the program
- Complete a minimum of 90 term credits of college-level courses (a maximum of 12 career and technical credits are allowed) with a minimum grade of “C”
- Complete any required prerequisites with a minimum grade of “C” or better
- Complete a minimum of 24 credits toward the degree at RCC

Degree requirements

Writing/Composition	8 credits
Oral Communication	4 credits
Math (MTH111 or higher)	12 credits
Computer Science	4 credits
Humanities	12 credits
Social Science	12 credits
Science	12 credits
Business-specific courses	15 credits
Electives	11 credits

Students may transfer a maximum of 108 credits to a four-year institution.

Students who have graduated from high school or completed a high school equivalency program in 1997 or after must meet the following requirement for admission to an Oregon university:

- Two years of the same high school-level language, or
- Two terms of college-level language with a grade of "C" or better. Demonstrated proficiency in American Sign Language meets this second language admission requirement.

NOTE: If students plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree at a four-year school, they must have a proficiency in a foreign language regardless of when they graduated from high school or equivalency program.

Students should check with the institution to which they intend to transfer, as certain OUS majors may require additional coursework toward graduation.

Associate of Science degree

The Associate of Science (AS) degree is designed for students transferring to baccalaureate degree programs in applied areas. The AS degree allows students to focus their studies in a particular discipline based upon signed articulation agreements with the universities that have agreed to accept RCC students. Students must work closely with advisors in their areas of interest to ensure electives are appropriate.

RCC currently has signed articulation agreements with Southern Oregon

University for the following programs: Criminology, Early Childhood Development, Elementary Education, Business, Human Services, Computer Information Science, Computer Programming and Software, Computer Security/Information Assurance, and Multimedia; and with Oregon Institute of Technology for Manufacturing and Information/Technology/Health Informatics.

The Associate of Science degree can be earned by meeting the following requirements:

- Be admitted to the program
- Complete a minimum of 90 term credits of college transfer and career and technical courses with a minimum grade of "C" or "pass"
- Complete any required prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" or better
- Complete a minimum of 24 credits toward the degree at RCC

Degree requirements

WR121 English Composition I	4 credits
WR122 English Composition II	4 credits
SP111 Fundamentals of Public Speaking or	
SP218 Interpersonal Communication	4 credits
LIB127 Introduction to Library Research Methods	1 credit
MTH105 Intro. to Contemporary Math or higher level math	4 credits
Humanities and Social Science electives (at least one class chosen from each discipline)	9-12 credits
Science and Computer Science electives (must be 100-level or above)	11-15 credits
Electives (recommended courses within major area)	53+ credits

Students should be aware that if they transfer before completing this degree or transfer in a major not covered by prior

agreements, their courses will be evaluated individually toward the transfer requirements of the college of their choice.

Students who have graduated from high school or completed a high school equivalency program in 1997 or after must have the following requirement for admission to a four-year Oregon university:

1. Two years of the same high school-level language, or
2. Two terms of college-level language with a grade of "C" or better (may be first-year language, which can be used to partially meet the humanities elective required in the Associate of Science degree)

NOTE: If students plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree at a four-year school, they must have a proficiency in a foreign language regardless of when they graduated from high school or equivalency program.

Associate of Applied Science degree

Students can earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in a two-year career and technical program by satisfying the following requirements:

- Be admitted to the program
- Complete all required courses with a minimum grade of "C" or "pass." A complete list of requirements can be found in this catalog under the name of the specific program
- Complete any required prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" or better
- Complete a minimum of 24 credits toward the degree at RCC
- Satisfactorily complete general education requirements required in all AAS degrees

These include:

Writing (composition)/ Speech	6-8 credits
Introduction to Library Research Methods	1 credit
Human Relations	3 credits
First Aid/Health	1-3 credits
Math	4 credits

Cooperative Work
Experience/practicum/
clinical 3 credits

Computer proficiency 0-4 credits
(Approved 3-4 credit computer science
course, CS120 or above, taken within
the last 10 years, or documented pro-
ficiency. Some CS courses do not apply;
refer to catalog course descriptions.)

Associate of Applied Science degrees are
offered in these areas:

Automotive Technology
Business Technology
Computer Support Technician
Construction Industry Management
Construction Trades, General
Apprenticeship
Criminal Justice
Diesel Technology
Early Childhood Education
Electrician Apprenticeship Technologies
Electronics Technology
Emergency Medical Technology –
Paramedic
Fire Science
Human Services
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance
Technology Apprenticeship
Industrial Welding Technology
Manufacturing/Engineering Technology
Nursing

Associate of General Studies degree

The Associate of General Studies degree
is designed to provide students the oppor-
tunity to acquire a broad education rather
than pursuing a specific college major or
career and technical program. The AGS
degree includes, in addition to the general
education courses listed below, 77 cred-
its of lower division college transfer and
career and technical education courses.
Because of the flexibility of this degree, it
may not fulfill requirements for transfer to
a four-year institution at the junior level.

Candidates for the Associate of General
Studies degree must earn a minimum of
90 credits that include the following:

Computer proficiency 0-4 credits
(Approved 3-4 credit computer science

course, CS120 or above, taken within the
last 10 years, or documented proficiency.
Some CS courses do not apply; refer to
catalog course descriptions.)

WR121 English
Composition I 4 credits

SP100 Basic Communication or
SP111 Fund. of Public
Speaking or

SP115 Intro to Intercultural
Communication or
SP218 Interpersonal 3-4 credits
Communication

PSY101 Psychology of Human
Relations 3 credits

MTH105 Intro. to
Contemporary Math
or higher level math 4 credits

In addition, students must take at least
three credits in Arts/Humanities, Science/
Computer Science, Social Science, and
Physical Education/Health for a total of
18 credits with no more than 9 credits in
any one category.

The remaining 57-58 credits may be any
combination of lower division
transfer and career and technical courses
that the student and advisor select. This
degree is best suited for students whose
employment goals require a “blend” of
courses from several different college
degree programs. Students pursuing this
degree should keep in close contact with
the Counseling Department for assistance
in planning an educational program.

Finally, students must satisfy the following
requirements:

- Be admitted to the program
- Complete any required prerequisites
with a minimum grade of “C” or bet-
ter
- Satisfactorily complete required general
education courses
- Complete a minimum of 24 credits
toward the degree at RCC

Certificate programs

Career Pathways, less than one-year,
one- and two-year certificate of comple-
tion programs prepare students to enter a
variety of occupational fields. To qualify
for one- and two-year certificates, students
must meet these requirements:

- Be admitted to the program
- Complete all required courses with a
minimum grade of “C or pass.” A com-
plete list of requirements can be found
in this catalog under the name of the
specific program.
- Complete any required prerequisites
with a minimum grade of “C” or bet-
ter.
- Complete a minimum of 12
credits toward the certificate at RCC
- Satisfactorily complete general
education requirements required in all
certificate programs

These include:

Math 4 credits
Writing/Composition 3-4 credits
Human Relations 3 credits
Computer proficiency 0-4 credits

(Approved 3-4 credit computer science
course, CS120 or above, taken within
the last 10 years, or documented pro-
ficiency. Some CS courses do not apply;
refer to catalog course descriptions.)

One- and two-year certificates are award-
ed in the following areas:

Alcohol and Drug Counselor
Architectural Computer Aided
Drafting
Automotive Specialist
Business Assistant
Computer Numerical Control
Technician
Construction Technology
Construction Trades, General
Apprenticeship
Dental Assistant
Diesel Specialist
Digital Graphics Design
Early Childhood Education
Electrician Apprenticeship
Technologies
Electronics Technician
Emergency Medical Technology
Fire Officer
Fire Prevention/Investigation
Health Care Informatics
Assistant

High Technology Studies
Industrial Mechanics and
Maintenance Technology
Apprenticeship
Industrial Welding Technology
Juvenile Corrections
Massage Therapy
Occupational Skills Training
PC Microprocessor Systems Technician
Practical Nursing

To qualify for less than one-year certificates or Career Pathways certificates, students must meet the same requirements as outlined above with these exceptions:

- General education requirements may vary from those listed above.
- At least 25 percent of the total credits or a minimum of 12 credits must be completed at RCC.

Less than one-year or Career Pathways certificates are awarded in the following areas:

Commercial Truck Driving
Computer Numerical Control Operator
Early Childhood Education–Basic
Early Childhood Education–
Intermediate
Employment Skills Training
Landscape Technician
Limited Electrician Apprenticeship
Technologies
Mechanical Maintenance
Apprenticeship
Retail Management

Computer proficiency exam

- Student Services Building, Redwood Campus, (541) 956-7191
- G Building, Riverside Campus, (541) 245-7552
- Table Rock Campus, Room 187, (541) 245-7863

The college requires that students complete a computer proficiency requirement in most of its degree and certificate programs. This requirement can be met by taking and passing with a grade of "C" or better an approved 3-4 credit computer science course, numbered CS120 or above, within the last 10 years (some CS-numbered courses do not fulfill the requirement and are so designated within

the course description section of this catalog).

NOTE: If CS101 was completed and passed successfully within the last 10 years, the requirement has been met. Otherwise, see an advisor or contact the Counseling Department for more information.

Students who have the requisite computer skills, are not computer science majors, and do not want to take other computer courses at RCC may opt to fulfill the requirement by taking the computer proficiency exam for a \$50 non-refundable fee. This exam does not waive a CS120 prerequisite for another course. See an advisor for more information.

Practicum/employment considerations

Students in such programs as Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Juvenile Corrections, Human Services, or Nursing who have criminal records or certain physical limitations may be excluded from or limited by employers in some practicum or clinical experiences.

Students should be aware that a criminal history may be a barrier to future employment. In addition, some employers may not be able to accommodate certain physical limitations in filling positions. Students with concerns about these issues should speak directly to the department head or program coordinator.

Completion of second degree or certificate

Students who desire to earn an additional degree must complete at least 24 additional credits and the requirements for the program. For an additional certificate, students must complete at least 12 additional credits as well as the requirements for the program.

Time limit for program completion

There is no completion time limit as long as students continue to make progress toward their program objectives. (See the Financial Aid section for information on limits for students receiving financial aid.) Because the requirements for many programs are updated each year, students have the option to elect the catalog

requirements from the year they began a program or the year in which they will complete it. If progress is not made toward a degree or certificate for four consecutive terms, students must meet program requirements in place when they re-enroll.

Rogue Community College has the right to terminate or reinstate programs. The college will assist declared majors making progress in these programs to complete the certificate or degree requirements whenever possible.

Graduation

Enrollment Services, (541) 245-7737

Graduation marks achievement of a student's educational goal, and Rogue is honored to recognize students for their individual accomplishments. Graduates of all programs are formally recognized at commencement ceremonies each June.

Students in degree or certificate programs should submit an application for graduation two terms prior to anticipated completion. Applications are available from and should be returned to Rogue Central Services for Students.

An application results in a review of the student's academic record to ensure all requirements will be completed. To participate in the June commencement ceremony, submit applications by early February.

Students who complete their programs at the end of academic terms during the year prior to commencement, and those who will complete requirements during the summer term after commencement, are invited to participate in the ceremonies.

Graduation with honors is based on a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher computed through the end of winter term. Students who meet this criteria may wear an honor cord in recognition of academic achievement.

Degrees and certificates will be mailed to eligible graduates approximately four to six weeks after final grades are available for verification. Diplomas will be mailed to students' addresses on file with the college.