

<b>POLICY NAME:</b>	<b>715.01: Graduation Requirements: Degrees</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b>	08-26-10
<b>SUPERSEDES:</b>	715.01 issued 06-26-08; 03-24-05; 01-28-99; 03-26-98; 01-23-97
<b>SOURCE:</b>	State Board of Education Resolution
<b>CROSS REFERENCE:</b>	706.01, 712.01, 714.01

## 1. Community and Technical Colleges

A student will be considered a graduate and awarded the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Applied Technology, and Associate in Occupational Technologies degrees upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of the specific program as specified by the institution granting the degree and the State Board of Education.

### 1.1. A student must:

- 1.1.1. Complete a minimum of 60 semester credit hours in an approved program of study, including prescribed general education courses.
- 1.1.2. Earn a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in all courses attempted at the institution. A course may be counted only once for purposes of meeting graduation requirements.
- 1.1.3. Complete at least 25 percent of semester credit hours at the institution granting the degree.
- 1.1.4. Provide official transcripts from all colleges previously attended. Note: Transferred coursework accepted for credit toward an undergraduate degree must represent equivalent collegiate coursework relevant to the degree.

1.2. A student is not required to pay graduation fees or participate in commencement ceremonies in order to be designated as a graduate on the transcript.

1.3. The chief academic officer shall approve the formal award when the student meets all requirements for graduation.

1.4. Transcripts will not be provided to a student nor forwarded to any other institution or organization until after the student has fulfilled all financial obligations to the institution.

## 2. Athens State University

A student will be awarded the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Science Education degrees upon satisfactory completion of Athens State University requirements, the requirements of the specific degrees and the State Board of Education.

- 2.1. A student must:
  - 2.1.1. Meet all Athens State University financial obligations before the degree is awarded.
  - 2.1.2. Complete 33 of the last 39 semester hours of study or 25 percent of the degree requirements with Athens State University.
  - 2.1.3. Complete a minimum of 60 semester hours at the 300-400 level.
  - 2.1.4. Complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper (300-400) level coursework in his or her major at Athens State University, not including courses taken by consortium arrangement. School or departmental regulations may require more than 15 semester hours of coursework in the major at Athens State University.
  - 2.1.5. Complete all course requirements for major(s). Complete all course requirements for minor (if applicable). Complete all of the general education requirements for the degree.
  - 2.1.6. Attain an overall grade point average of 2.0, a 2.0 on all coursework attempted at Athens State University and at least a 2.0 in the major field. School or departmental regulations may require more than a 2.0 grade point average (see major requirements in each discipline).
  - 2.1.7. Complete the total degree requirements at a minimum of 124 semester hours.
  - 2.1.8. Complete the teacher certification requirements (if applicable).
  - 2.1.9. Apply no more than 64 semester hours of non-traditional/non-graded college credit applicable toward the degree.
3. The effective date of this policy is August 26, 2010.