

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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McLennan Community College offers four degrees. The Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), and Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) degrees are awarded to students who have completed the first two years of an academic program designed to lead to a Bachelor's degree. The Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree is awarded to students who complete the required curricula in various occupational areas.

McLennan Community College also offers Certificates in Workforce Education designed to prepare students to enter specific occupational areas at the end of a one- or two-year period of specialized training or to continue their education at a four-year institution.

Requirements for the Associate of Arts (A.A.) Degree

1. Credit for 60 academic semester credit hours of college work excluding developmental courses. Such credit shall include:
 - a. Fulfillment of the 42-hour core curriculum as part of the 60-hour total.
 - b. At least 25 percent of academic credit hours earned in college level courses at McLennan Community College.
2. A grade average of at least 2.00.
3. Successful completion of the College's Developmental Education Plan for the Texas Success Initiative.
4. Payment of all financial obligations to the college.

5. Successful completion of a College Success/Learning Framework course, either PSYC 1100/1300 or EDUC 1100/1300 (this course will also count toward core completion).

Requirements for the Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree

Students wishing to complete the Associate of Science degree will fulfill the same requirements listed for the Associate of Arts degree. In addition, the student will be required to complete an additional 15 hours of college-level mathematics and/or science courses.

Requirements for the Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) Degree

The Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) degree is a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board-approved collegiate degree program consisting of lower-division courses that transfer to baccalaureate programs leading to initial Texas teacher certification. Requirements for the A.A.T. degree include:

1. Credit for at least 60 semester hours of college work, excluding any developmental courses. Such credit shall include the following:
 - a. Fulfillment of the 42-hour core curriculum as part of the total hours.
 - b. MATH 1350 and 1351, along with MATH 1314 as a prerequisite.
 - c. EDUC 1301 and 2301.
 - d. At least three additional semester hours of science.
 - e. At least 25 percent of semester hours must be earned in college-level courses through McLennan Community College.
2. A grade point average of at least 2.00.
3. Successful completion of the College's Developmental Education Plan for the Texas Success Initiative.
4. Payment of all financial obligations to the college.
5. Successful completion of a College Success/Learning Framework course, either PSYC 1100/1300 or EDUC 1100/1300 (this course will also count toward core completion).

Requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree

1. Credit for 60 semester hours of college work excluding developmental courses. Such credit shall include:
 - a. Completion of the required course of study specified in the approved degree plan or approval by the appropriate dean.

- b. At least 15 hours of general education with credit hours in each of the following areas: humanities or fine arts (i.e., language, philosophy and culture, or creative arts), social (i.e., history or government) or behavioral sciences (i.e., psychology or sociology), and natural sciences (life and physical sciences) or mathematics/computer science.
 - c. At least 25 percent of semester hours earned in college level courses through McLennan Community College.
 - d. Successful completion of the College's Developmental Education Plan for the Texas Success Initiative.
2. A grade average of at least 2.00 in the workforce curriculum completed.
 3. A minimum grade of C in each major course in the workforce curriculum completed. A major course is a course which has the prefix of the program. (i.e. POFT courses are major courses for all of the Office Technology Careers Program degrees or certificates.) A minimum grade of C will be required for related courses when specified in the catalog course description as a prerequisite.
 4. A minimum grade of C will be required for courses transferred from another college or for substitution to satisfy degree requirements.
 5. Payment of all financial obligations to the college.

Requirements for a Certificate in Workforce Education

1. Completion of a required approved plan for a Certificate of Completion, including at least 25 percent of semester hours of credit earned at McLennan Community College or approval by the appropriate dean. Developmental courses may not be used to meet requirements for a certificate.
2. A grade average of at least 2.00 in the curriculum completed.
3. A minimum grade of C in each major course in the workforce curriculum completed. A major course is a course which has the prefix of the program. (i.e. POFI, POFL, POFM, and POFT courses are major courses for all of the Office Technology Careers Program degrees or certificates.) A minimum grade of C will be required for related courses when specified in the catalog course description as a prerequisite or as specified in the certificate plan.
4. Payment of all financial obligations to the college.

Graduation Requirements for the Associate Degree

The requirements for the associate degree are outlined in the MCC catalog. Each student's course of study leading to an associate degree is determined by the degree requirements in effect at the time the student first enrolls in college-level courses at MCC. From the date of that initial enrollment, the student has five years to complete an associate degree (AA, AS, AAS, AAT). After five years, the student will be subject to any new degree requirements that may be in effect when the student next enrolls. Exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the appropriate dean.

Institutional Recognition

Recognition for completion of various courses, seminars, workshops or other educational activities held by the college may be awarded as deemed appropriate by the President of the college.