Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules designate unique graduation requirements for students receiving an associate or baccalaureate degree. General education requirements, as well as course communication and computational competencies, have been determined by state universities and community colleges to be necessary for successful performance and progression through the baccalaureate level.

General education requirements:

Prior to receipt of an associate or baccalaureate degree students must complete the required Board approved general education requirements that will include, but is not limited to, six college credit hours of English coursework and six additional college credit hours in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments. Six college credit hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher are also required.

Communication and computational competencies requirements:

The demonstration of college-level communication and computation proficiencies is required for the award of the associate or baccalaureate degree. Students will demonstrate proficiency by successful course completion (grade of C or better), through additional area coursework or by testing.

The college shall provide the following alternatives to assist students in meeting the communication and computational competencies requirements:

A. The District Board of Trustees shall approve the general education core courses in which communication and computational skills will be taught in accordance with appropriate Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.

B. The president is authorized to appoint a committee of faculty and designated staff to recommend changes to the general education core curriculum and related procedures as needed.
C. The District Board of Trustees authorizes the college to accept AP/CLEP and other approved testing scores for the purpose of students earning credits toward a degree or certificate. The college shall follow the state of Florida guidelines in determining the college credit to be awarded. Students who successfully earn credit for communication and computation courses will also meet the competency requirements.

D. All credit by examination challenges to courses which contain a writing requirement must conform to the writing intensive requirement for the student to receive credit.

E. The president shall establish procedures whereby students with documented disabilities may request waivers from the general education, communication, and/or computational requirements.

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