



How to Apply for an Associate Degree or Certificate

Prior to submitting an application for an Associate Degree, Certificate of Achievement, or Certificate of Completion, students should consult with an advisor to review progress toward completing requirements. Any substitutions or waivers for program requirements must be approved on an authorized form signed by the department offering the program. Substitutions and waivers are not allowed for institutional degree and certificate requirements. (See [Graduation Requirements for Associate Degrees procedure](#) and [Graduation Requirements for Certificates procedure](#) under the Graduation Requirements, Certificates & Degrees header.) Students apply by the deadline the semester they complete the program requirements. Information and the applications are located online at the [Graduation webpage](#).

Procedures are as follows:

1. Complete and submit an Application for Associate Degree, Certificate of Achievement, or Certificate of Completion to the Registrar's Office. These applications are available on the [Graduation webpage](#). If substitutions and/or waivers have been approved and are not indicated in Degree Works, a Course Substitution and Waiver Authorization form must be attached to the application when submitted or the application will be denied.

Note: Students may not be granted associate degrees or certificates whose program pathways are expired or whose catalog year predates their first semester of enrollment as shown on their LCC web transcript. The requirements must be met by the semester the program pathway expires.

2. Once the audit for the associate degree or certificate has been completed, the Registrar's Office will send a notification via LCC email indicating whether the associate degree or certificate has been approved or denied.
3. Once awarded, the LCC transcript will show the degree or certificate earned.
4. Diplomas are mailed to students during the semester after degrees and certificates have been awarded.

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