

**Rancho Santiago Community College District**  
**BOARD POLICY**  
Chapter 4  
Academic Affairs

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**BP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates**

**Reference(s):**

Education Code Section 70902(b)(3)  
Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

The Colleges grant the degrees of Bachelor's in Science (Santa Ana College), Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science to those students who have completed the subject requirements for graduation and who have maintained a 2.0 average in subjects attempted. Students must also complete the general education residency and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 regulations.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of a program consisting of at least 12 semester units and has received California Community College Chancellor's Office approval. The Certificate of Achievement must include degree-applicable coursework designed as a pattern of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to career or general education.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Proficiency upon successful completion of a program consisting of less than 18 units that has been approved by the Colleges' Curriculum and Instruction Council.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements that include appropriate involvement of the college curriculum committee. The procedures shall assure that graduation requirements are published in the Colleges' catalogs and included in other resources that are convenient for students.

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