

Board Policies

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

216.00 Graduation Requirements

Cowley College awards the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Fine Arts, Associate of General Studies, and the Associate of Applied Science degrees, as well as the College Technical Certificate. Associate degrees require successful completion of a minimum of 62 credit hours, documentation of high school graduation or GED, and fulfillment of the General Education requirements.

A minimum 2.0 grade point average at Cowley College and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average including transfer course work applied is required for all associate degrees. A minimum 2.0 grade point average is required for courses applied to college technical certificates. Official transcripts of high school graduation or GED and any other college transcripts to be applied toward a degree must be on file in the Registrar's Office prior to issuance of a diploma.

In order to qualify for either the associate degree or technical certificate at Cowley College, a student must complete a minimum of (15) credit hours at Cowley College, which counts toward the degree or technical certificate. Credit for prior learning, or other non-graded hours awarded by Cowley College, will not count toward satisfying the (15) credit hour requirement. Developmental courses cannot be used to fulfill degree requirements. If a student does not maintain continuous enrollment (excludes summer), the student will be required to follow the graduation requirements that are in effect at the time of re-enrollment.

Students completing a degree or technical certificate will need to complete a Degree Application and submit it to the Registrar's Office according to the published deadlines for submission. Students who fail to file the Degree Application by the deadline may request to graduate in a subsequent semester if requirements are met.

Students will be awarded a diploma or technical certificate upon successful completion of the degree or technical certificate requirements. The diploma or technical certificate will be issued at the end of each semester. Commencement will be held at least once a year. Students who are within 9 hours or less to fulfill graduation requirements and who plan to complete their coursework during the summer term may participate in the graduation program in May of that academic year.

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