

Essex County College

College Regulation

REG 5-9 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Purpose:

To establish the graduation requirements governing students at Essex County College and to adopt standards relating to the formal recognition of graduates by the College.

Application:

1. Commencement is the formal recognition of successful completion of an academic program. It will be carefully planned and all faculty, staff, and graduates are expected to participate. It will be under the direction of a responsible committee and the ceremonies will be appropriate and formal.
2. Any student seeking approval for graduation from Essex County College will be governed by the graduation requirements in effect at the time of matriculation into a program.
3. Any student, who leaves the College for any reason and is re-admitted after a three-year absence, must follow the graduation requirements in place for the academic year in which he/she returns to the College.
4. To be eligible for graduation, a candidate for the degree of Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science and certificate programs must fulfill the academic requirements and institutional obligations as stated in the applicable catalog and current College Regulations.
5. Graduation eligibility will be evaluated in accordance to program requirements by the divisional chairperson and then certified by the Registrar. Only students who are so recommended and certified may be presented for Board conferral. Students who are earning degrees and academic/college certificates (30 or more credits) will be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremonies.
6. Students who are registered for eight credits or less to complete in Summer I term will be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremonies provided they are registered for all courses needed to complete the requirements for their degree or certificate.

Responsible Official(s):	Reference: <i>N.J.S.A.</i> 18A: 64A-12(o),
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