

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 and participation in commencement ceremonies by the College.

Definition(s):

Graduation refers to the successful completion of your program requirements at Essex County College.

Commencement is an annual event that celebrates a graduate's academic achievement.

Application:

- I. Commencement is the formal recognition of the 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 they return to the College.
4. To be eligible for graduation, a candidate for the degree of Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, 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 according to program requirements by the divisional chairperson and then certified by the Registrar. Only students who are recommended and certified may be presented for Board conferral. Students earning degrees and/or academic certificates will be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremonies.
6. Students with fewer than 9 credits to program completion can participate in the commencement ceremonies if they register for all remaining credits during the Summer I term.

Responsible Official(s): Enrollment
Services

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Attachment(s):