# AWARDS ISSUED BY THE CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The Governing Board of the District shall be limited to granting the following awards:

Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science degree, Associate in Arts for Transfer degree, Associate in Science for Transfer degree, Certificate of Accomplishment, Certificate of Achievement, Certificates of Completion, and College Skills Certificate.

1. Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS)

   A student is eligible for graduation with the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree after the satisfactory completion of sixty (60) degree-applicable semester units of work with a grade point average of 2.0 or better and local associate degree requirements or the associate degree requirements as mandated by Title 5, Section 55063.

2. Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T)

   - The AA-T degree designation must be used for non-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics) disciplines.
   - The AS-T degree designation must be used for degrees in the STEM fields and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs.
   - A student must complete 60 semester degree-applicable units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education breadth requirements, complete a minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 or better.

3. Certificate of Accomplishment

   To earn a certificate of accomplishment, students must complete the required courses with a "C" grade or higher. Certificate requirements may be completed by attending a combination of day and evening, hybrid and/or online classes.

4. Certificate of Achievement

   Students completing a major with a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in a minimum of eighteen (18) semester units in an occupational-vocational curricula may be awarded a Certificates of Achievement. The Curriculum/Instruction Committee shall recommend to the President what occupational-vocational curricula are eligible for a Certificate of Achievement. Colleges or Departments at the individual colleges are authorized to recommend a higher average grade requirement and/or grade in designated core courses.

   - Attendance Requirements

     To qualify for a Certificate of Achievement a student shall complete at least 25% of the required units at the college where the certificate is awarded.

   - Procedures for Making Request for Addition to the List of Courses and Programs Eligible for the Granting of Certificates of Achievement

     Persons responsible for occupational-vocational curricula shall submit requests for additions to the approved list of majors eligible for Certificates of Achievement to the Curriculum/Instruction Committee for recommendation to the President.

Upon favorable action of the President, the major will be added to the official approved list of majors eligible for Certificates of Achievement.

5. Certificate of Completion

Certificates shall be awarded upon completion of course(s), sequence of courses, or programs in occupational-vocational education.

The Curriculum/Instruction Committee shall recommend to the President of the college what course(s), sequence of courses, and programs are eligible for the Certificate of Completion.

6. College Skills Certificate

This certificate requires less than 18 units of course work within the major programs of study. Students requesting skills certificates must complete at least 50% of the courses required for the skills certificates at the college where the certificate is awarded.

The Governing Board awards and confers degrees and certificates. Adequate records shall be maintained indicating the degrees and certificates that have been awarded and conferred.

California Education Code 66745-66749
Title 5, Code of Regulations, Sections 51004, 55060, 55070, 55130, 55063