

# Graduation Requirements

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<b>POLICY:</b> Graduation Requirements Policy		<b>CUSTODIAN:</b>	Academic Dean
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## Part 1. Policy Background and Purpose

White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) will ensure all graduation requirements are satisfied prior to conferring the AA degree.

## Part 2. Definitions

General Education Program Outcomes – Courses are aligned to coincide with the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) which is utilized by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system to promote transferability for students.

Institutional Requirements – Specific courses designated by WETCC as requirements for graduation.

## Part 3. Responsibility

Students are responsible to complete the college work in order to meet the minimum requirements and apply for graduation on or before the due date listed on the Academic Calendar.

The Registrar is responsible to receive the student's graduation application, confirm courses taken, and initiate a timely process.

The Academic Dean is responsible to review the graduation application and verification of program completion and authorize the degree with their signature.

The President is responsible to verify all supporting documentation is complete and authorize the degree with their signature.

## Part 4. Policy

No degree shall be authorized without the signature of the Academic Dean and the President of WETCC.

Students shall be eligible for graduation upon successful completion of:

- 1) Satisfy the requirements outlined for the degree pathway including all institutional requirements, and
- 2) Payment of all outstanding bills and return of all equipment and library books, and
- 3) Complete the equivalent of 60 credits through a combination of full-credit, transfer, test-out, and military experience, as well as credits granted for College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or credit for experiential learning, and
- 4) Be in good SAP standing, and/or
- 5) Transfer credits may be used to fulfill some areas of program requirements, but students must have completed a minimum of 20\* WETCC credits, including the institutional requirements.

### **Institutional Requirements**

WETCC designated courses needed to meet graduation requirements:

- 1) First Year Experience – 1 credit
- 2) Last Year Experience – 1 credit
- 3) Computer Literacy – 1 credit
- 4) History of White Earth – 3 credits
- 5) Anishinaabe Culture – 3 credits
- 6) Beginning Ojibwemowin – 3 credits

### **General Education Requirements**

WETCC courses are aligned with the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) to promote transferability for students. Courses are assigned the specified goal areas as a component of the Curriculum Committee based upon designated student learning outcomes.

Specific classes may apply to no more than two goal areas but earned credits can only be counted once.

Students must complete a minimum of 40 credits in the ten MnTC goal areas to meet the requirements for graduation.

- *The requirement of 20 credits was changed August 13, 2019 by the Council of Trustees. Students who were already enrolled at WETCC are required to meet the former minimum of 12 credits.*