

# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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A Certificate of Completion is awarded for a specific curriculum of fewer than 90 credits and is approved by the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development in accordance with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) policy. Programs that are at least 45 credits are considered One-Year Certificates of Completion and are eligible for federal financial aid. Programs that are fewer than 45 credits are considered Less Than One-Year Certificates of Completion. These programs are state approved but may not be eligible for federal financial aid.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- The One-Year Certificate of Completion will be awarded to students who satisfy the following requirements:
  - a. Complete the credit hours indicated with a cumulative minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. Complete one credit-bearing course at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion is awarded.
  - b. Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).
- The Less Than One-Year Certificate of Completion and Career Pathway Certificate of Completion will be awarded to students who satisfy the following requirements:
  - a. Complete the credit hours indicated with a cumulative minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. Complete one credit-bearing course at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion is awarded.
  - b. Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).