

# Graduation Requirements

To receive a certificate, diploma, or degree, students must

- complete all state-approved program requirements with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (a C average)
- complete a minimum of 25% of the total credit hours required in the program at SCC
- complete less than 25% of the total credit hours required in the program through credit for prior knowledge, experience, or certifications unless otherwise specified in the program
- apply for graduation
- pay any outstanding fees and/or fines

Graduation exercises are held at the end of the spring semester for all students who have completed degree requirements during the academic year, including those earning certificates. Prospective summer graduates enrolling in their final coursework can participate in the spring ceremony. Students wishing to participate in the graduation ceremony must complete the online graduation application in [Self-Service](#) by the deadlines posted on the [college website](#). Students who do not have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. There is no fee to participate in the graduation ceremony except for purchasing a cap and gown from the official college vendor. Students who are eligible to graduate but do not wish to participate in the graduation ceremony should also complete the online graduation application in Self-Service to ensure the timely awarding of student degrees.

Students meeting the requirements for graduation may also be identified by the college. The college will notify students who have met the requirements for graduation and will award those students with appropriate credentials. While the college will make every effort to identify students who have met the requirements for graduation, students are ultimately responsible for monitoring their progress toward graduation and submitting a graduation application in the final semester of their program.