

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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Students pursuing an associate degree in Nursing must meet specific Nursing accreditation requirements; consult with counselors for details.

Students planning to graduate from MPC must file a petition for an associate degree and/or certificate with Admissions & Records by the deadlines listed in the Graduation and Commencement section of the Catalog.

Students attending Monterey Peninsula College are eligible to receive multiple degrees. More specifically, a student may pursue more than one degree simultaneously. The requirements for the majors, along with the general education requirements, must equal a minimum of sixty associate degree-applicable units.

## Associate Degree

The California State Board of Education has authorized the Monterey Peninsula College District Governing Board of Trustees to confer the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees. The Associate in Arts degree is awarded in the liberal arts area; the Associate in Science degree is awarded in the science and career education fields.

The associate degree is awarded upon satisfying the following:

1. **Major requirements**
  - a. Each course in the major must be complete with a grade of "C" or better.
2. **General Education requirements**
  - a. MPC General Education (MPC GE), or
  - b. California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)
3. **Information Competency requirement**
4. **A minimum of sixty (60) degree-applicable units** (courses numbered 1-299 or C1000-C4000 with MPC GE, numbered 1-99 or C1000-C4000 with Cal-GETC) with a 2.0 ("C") or higher grade point average. Pre-collegiate courses (300-399) do not apply toward the degree. Grades earned in non-degree credit courses are not included in the calculation of the degree-applicable grade point average.
5. **A maximum of 20 units of "P" ("Pass") or "CR" (credit)** may be applied toward the associate degree.
6. **Completion of a minimum of twelve (12) units at Monterey Peninsula College**, with at least six (6) units in the major area.

## Additional Associate Degrees

Students who have already earned an associate degree (AA, AS, AA-T, AS-T) from a U.S. regionally accredited institution are eligible for additional non-transfer associate degrees (AA, AS) once all major requirements for the additional degree(s) are completed. No additional graduation competencies or general education will be required.

AA/AS holders pursuing a transfer associate degree (AA-T, AS-T) will be held to the major requirements as well as any remaining Cal-GETC requirements.

Students who have been awarded a bachelor's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution pursuing any associate degree(s) (AA, AS, AA-T, AS-T) will be held to the major requirements. No additional graduation competencies or general education will be required (per Title 5 Section 55062).