

COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COUNCIL GUIDELINES

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Earning Multiple Degrees/Certificates
(BAS, AA, AS, AGS, AAS - Including Degrees with Designation)

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Application

Applies to the state system of community colleges (CCCS).

Principle

CCCS recognizes that there are circumstances in which our students may require additional degrees/certificates for employment, transfer or for personal growth and satisfaction. This guideline designates circumstances in which a student may earn a multiple credential including: Bachelor of Applied Science, Associate of Arts (including with designation), Associate of Science (including with designation), Associate of General Studies, Associate of Applied Science and Certificate programs.

Guideline

Degree Hierarchy:

- BAS (Bachelor of Applied Science)
- AA and AS (Associate of Arts/Associate of Science Degrees with Designation)
- AA and AS (Associate of Arts/Associate of Science General Studies)
- AGS (Associate of General Studies)
- AAS (Associate of Applied Science)

Students may be awarded a second degree subject to the following stipulations:

- Students can earn more than one AA or AS Degree with Designation in the same or subsequent terms. Required courses for one degree can be used for another degree.
- Students can earn more than one AAS degree in the same or subsequent terms. Required courses for one degree can be used as electives for another degree.
- Students cannot earn an AA Degree with Designation and a general AA degree using the same coursework.
- Students cannot earn an AS Degree with Designation and a general AS degree using the same coursework.
- Students who have earned a degree higher on the hierarchy list may not earn a degree lower on the hierarchy list using the same coursework. Exception: Students may earn multiple AAS degrees, even if they have already earned a higher degree on the hierarchy.
- This policy does not apply to students who may transfer to the community college system with a Bachelors of Arts or Bachelors of Science degree.