

Degrees and Certificates of Achievement

The intent of a degree is to represent more than an accumulation of units. It is to symbolize a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights. Among these are the ability to think and to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing; to use mathematics; to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines; to be aware of other cultures and times; to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for self-understanding. In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in some field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest.

A certificate of achievement represents completion of a sequence of courses consisting of 12 or more semester units of degree applicable credit course work and is subject to approval by the System Office. It is appropriate to develop and propose a certificate of achievement that includes course work taken to satisfy transfer patterns established by the University of California, the California State University, or accredited public post secondary institutions. The award of certificate of achievement is also intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. It represents successful completion of patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to a career or general education.

Degrees and Certificates of Achievement will appear on a student's transcript. It is the responsibility of the Admissions and Records Department to award Degrees and Certificates of Achievement.

If you have any further questions please see your division curriculum representative or the curriculum chair.