

COMMENTS RECEIVED TO PROPOSED NEW OR REVISED POLICIES

AP 3.25.11: Degrees, Certificates, Awards		
Date Comment Received	Comment(s)	Response(s)
1-28-2026	<p>I believe the AP is a great start to clarify what is needed to complete a bachelor's degree and to separate the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) from our gainful employment certificates. I recommend the changes below to further clarify PCC's Degrees, Certificates, and Awards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change "SECTION 1: Marketable Skills Achievements" to " SECTION 1: Awards" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This aligns with the title of the AP and allows for other awards that are not a degree or certificates to be placed under the heading. 2. Move the "Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC)" to SECTION 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additionally, change "Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Certification – A general education curriculum that guarantees fulfillment of the state's public universities' general education requirements. The certification of completion is verified and posted on a student's transcript by the Registrar's Office. The AGECEC must be completed and transferred as a block of courses to ensure general education requirements are satisfied at the public universities. An AGECEC consists of 32 - 35 credits." to "Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) – A general education curriculum that guarantees fulfillment of the state's public universities' general education requirements. The Registrar's Office verifies and posts the completion on a student's transcript. The AGECEC must be completed and transferred as a block of courses to ensure general education requirements are satisfied at the public universities. An AGECEC consists of 32 - 35 credits." 3. Change " SECTION 2: Formal Award Types" to "SECTION 2: Certificates" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under this PCC can list all the 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing Skills Achievements is the term the college adopted. Awards is a generic term for all of the options in the certificate and degree section. 2. We'll remove the certification term and adjust the sentence that describes the Registrar's Office efforts. The AGECEC doesn't fit the definition of the Marketable Skills Award so we won't move it to Section 1. It better aligns with the awards in Section 2. 3. We are not restructuring the full document. 4. STU mandate needs to be codified in an AP and this AP is the best fit. 5. Agree, not discussed as a mandatory point in the creation of this AP as a similar statement is in the CTE Architecture SOP. 6. The approved exception of a certificate out of the range doesn't set a new floor. 7. Not redesigning the AP at this point. 8. The AP 3.25.11 reference is regarding how to waive it as a transfer student. The expectation of any BAS or BA the college confers needing the AGECEC or equivalent needs to be stated and is not seen as a redundancy.

	<p>certificates it offers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Remove "The College's programs listed below require a Student Success Course (signified by STU prefix or previously approved alternative) course). Circumstances dictating any exception must be approved by the Provost." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Success courses are merely part of a program and should not be defined here. 5. All Certificates should state that they lead to gainful employment in a recognized occupation. 6. Level I should be changed from a minimum of 6 credits to 4 to align with the certificates we have in place, or, at a minimum, adjust the 4-credit certificate we have outside this AP accordingly. 7. Create a Section 3 titled <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "SECTION 3: Degrees" and list the degrees we have underneath. 8. Remove "completion of the AGECE (or equivalent Draft — 12-8-25 AP 3.25.11 4 coursework or potential waiver for bachelor degrees, see AP 3.25.02, Section 3)," from both the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Same reason the Student Success course isn't listed above: it is from another AP. 	
<p>2-12-2026</p>	<p>This AP updates the acronym for the Associate of Business from ABUS to AB. I've heard this term being used by administrators, but I'm not sure why the change was made.</p> <p>My question is: Are we trying to shorten all transfer program acronyms to two letters? My concern is that ABUS is widely recognized by transfer partners, students, and community members. Changing it to AB could create confusion or misunderstandings about which program we are referring to.</p> <p>"Associate of Business (ABUS) – the ABUS is designed to support transfer to a four-year college or university by meeting the requirements of the first two years of a four-year program in Business. The degree requires 60 - 64 credits.</p>	<p>Agree. We'll adjust the AB to ABUS in the document.</p>