

**3358: 14-5-11 Graduation requirements.**

- (A) The associate degree is awarded upon the successful completion of any one of the two- year degree programs. A certificate is awarded upon the successful completion of any of the one-year certificate programs.
- (B) To be considered a candidate for an associate degree or a certificate, the student must have completed all the requirements for that degree/certificate as described in the college catalog in effect at the time the student enrolled in the program leading to that degree. If the requirements for the degree change while the student is enrolled in a degree program, the original requirements will apply to the student until he/she earns the degree or certificate or for a period of eight consecutive semesters from the time the student initially enrolled in the degree. If the student does not receive a degree within eight semesters of initial enrollment and there is a change in the degree requirements, the academic dean and vice president for academics and student services shall decide what requirements the student shall meet in order to be awarded a degree.
- (C) To be considered a candidate for a degree or certificate, the student must meet the program grade point average requirements, complete the minimum number of credit hours at Northwest state for the degree or certificate, and complete or submit applicable assessment activities.
- (D) To be considered a candidate for an associate degree or certificate, the student must file a petition in accordance with procedures established by the college.
- (E) The college shall verify eligibility of individual students to receive degrees or certificates in accordance with established procedures.
- (F) Individuals may earn more than one degree or certificate provided all requirements are met as stated in this policy and the college catalog.

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