

<b>Title</b>	<b>Credentials</b>
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<b>Category</b>	<b>Instruction</b>

## 1. PURPOSE

To define and ensure the validity and consistency of the Regular Studies credentials awarded by Langara College.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**Credential** – a named qualification that is awarded by Langara College upon completion of a prescribed program of study.

**Cumulative grade-point average (CGPA)** – a weighted average of final grades earned in all credit courses at Langara in which the student has been enrolled.

**Lower-level** – courses numbered 1000-2999.

**Parchment** – the physical document awarded to the recipient of a credential.

**Program grade-point average (PGPA)** – a weighted average of final grades earned in all credit courses at Langara applicable to a specific program.

**Program of study** – specified courses that must be successfully completed to earn an identified credential.

**Regular Studies** – courses and programs approved by Education Council and the Board of Governors that are administered by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Students.

**Upper-level** – courses numbered 3000 and above.

## 3. POLICY

3.1 Langara College awards credentials to students following completion of a specified program of study approved by Education Council and the College Board of Governors.

3.2 Langara College offers the following types of credentials with the defined minimum standards:

Post-Degree Diploma	31 or more credits of course work with a minimum of 70% of the total being in upper level courses. Students must have a baccalaureate degree or equivalent for entry and achieve a minimum PGPA of 2.00 to graduate.
Post-Degree Certificate	15 to 30 credits of course work with a minimum of 70% of the total being in upper level courses. Students must have a baccalaureate degree or equivalent for entry and achieve a minimum PGPA of 2.00 to graduate.
Baccalaureate Degree	120 credits of course work with at least 60 credits from lower level courses and 42 from upper level courses. Students must meet regular admission requirements for entry and achieve a minimum CGPA of 2.00 to graduate.
Associate Degree	60 credits of course work with further requirements defined by provincial legislation. The Associate Degree framework is available in the BC Transfer Guide. Students must meet regular admission requirements for entry and achieve a minimum CGPA of 2.00 to graduate.
Diploma	60 credits of course work. Students must meet regular admission requirements for entry and achieve a minimum CGPA of 2.00 to graduate.
Certificate	30 credits of course work. Students must meet regular admission requirements for entry and achieve a minimum CGPA of 2.00 to graduate.
Citation	15 credits of course work. Students must meet regular admission requirements for entry and achieve a minimum CGPA of 2.00 to graduate.

3.3 The Registrar will maintain:

- a standard for the official names of credentials and their abbreviations;
- a standard for official credential parchments;
- a list of current, approved programs of study and their official credential name; and
- criteria for calculating the cumulative grade-point average.

#### **Minimum Number of Credits to be completed at Langara College**

3.4 To qualify for a credential from Langara College, students are required to complete a minimum of 40% of course credit at Langara College. The majority of the final course credits must be completed at Langara, as stipulated:

- For a Degree program, 39 of the last 48 credits need to be completed at Langara.
- For a Diploma or Associate Degree credential, 18 of the last 24 credits need to be completed at Langara.
- For a Certificate credential, 9 of the last 12 credits need to be completed at Langara.

- All credits towards a Citation credential must be completed at Langara.

An approved Langara College exchange program is exempt from this 40% requirement.

**Multiple Credentials**

3.5 A minimum of 50% of credits for a second or subsequent credential must be new courses that have not been used to satisfy requirements for a previous credential.

Cumulative grade-point average calculations will be continuous across multiple credentials.

**Time Limits**

3.6 Education Council may approve time limits for specific programs.

**Posthumous Credentials**

3.7 Posthumous credentials may be awarded to actively enrolled students who have substantially completed the requirements of their program and for whom successful completion was expected.

**4. RESPONSIBILITY**

For inquiries about this policy, contact the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Students.

**5. REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES**

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