

AA/AS Clarification of Team Charge

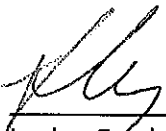
We have been asked to provide additional clarification regarding the workgroup's charge to review the AA/AS degree requirements. There has not been a full review of LLCC's AA/AS degree requirements in more than 10 years. Much has changed in higher education in the past 10 years, and it is vitally important that we review our practices and mindsets for relevancy in today's environment and make changes accordingly.

One of the new realities of higher education is accountability...both for institutions such as Lincoln Land as well as for students. State and federal agencies are pressuring institutions to get more students to completion. This drive for completion is not an effort to dumb-down curriculum, but rather to ensure that students are obtaining in a timely fashion the education and skills needed to move on to what is next (either the work force or a transfer university).

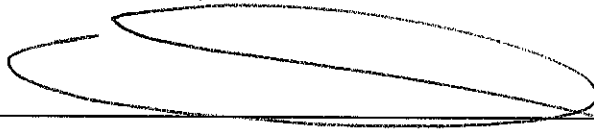
Students are also increasingly under pressure to complete in a timely fashion. Federal financial aid regulations are growing ever-tighter – including timelines for degree/certificate completion as well as only paying for courses that are a required part of a student's educational program.

Specifically in regard to the transfer degrees, students planning to transfer face many challenges in terms of their intended major and chosen transfer school. Fewer institutional requirements at the community college level provide latitude for students to take the courses most appropriate for their intended transfer major and transfer school.

Therefore, for the purpose of clarification, we are asking this workgroup to review the LLCC AA/AS degree requirements in the context of these new realities, and determine what makes the most sense now in terms of organizational accountability, student accountability/success, and appropriate educational requirements.



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