

## **AGC Decision Form**

### **8.26 Multiple Degrees**

#### **Decision**

On November 8, 2022, the AGC membership voted to approve the Multiple Degrees policy as part of a scheduled review. The policy team recommended that the existing policy be reaffirmed with no changes. The policy reads as follows:

The College recognizes that there are instances where students may require additional degrees and certificates for employment or for personal growth and satisfaction. This policy applies to any Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) student who has received a degree from GRCC. Students may be awarded additional associate degrees subject to the following stipulations:

A. The Associate of General Studies degree may not be earned as an additional degree.

B. No additional associate degree will be granted in programs that require the same Program Courses.

#### **Sponsor/Champion of Proposed Policy**

Co-chairs: Christopher Remley (Assistant Registrar) and Julie Lackscheide (Faculty, Radiologic Technology)

Members: Erin Busscher (Faculty, AATC), Deb DeWent (ISIP), Ann Isackson (Student Success), and Nathan Lindy (Faculty, Physical Sciences)

#### **Rationale/Supporting Data**

This policy supports equity and inclusion by allowing students to be able to earn multiple degrees so that they are able to earn credentials that match their career interests and the changing employment environment.

The team reviewing this policy:

- Sought and included input from AGC members at two meetings.
- Reviewed GRCC data on students earning multiple degrees and certificates.
- Benchmarked six peer institutions with policies on earning multiple degrees.

#### **Implications for Action**

No potential issues with implementation were identified.

**Date of Decision by AGC**

Date: November 8, 2022

Vote: 98% approved, 0% not approved, 2% abstained

**Section to be Completed by the Provost**


**Evaluation Plan**

Academic Year 2025-2026

**Response from Provost**

Approved for immediate implementation.

  
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Tina Hoxie, Interim Provost

  
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