

<b>Title</b>	<b>Regular Studies Credentials and Micro-Credentials</b>
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## 1. PURPOSE

To define and ensure the validity and consistency of the Regular Studies credentials and micro-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)** – the weighted average of final grades earned in all credit courses at Langara in which a student has been enrolled.

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

**Micro-course** – a unique course of one credit or less that can be completed independently or may be combined with other courses within a micro-credential.

**Micro-credential** – a distinct, short-term program of study designed to facilitate learners' employment goals and/or access to further education.

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

**Program grade-point average (PGPA)** – the 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 and micro-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.

Individual programs may have additional requirements beyond what is defined above. These requirements must be approved by Education Council and published in the College Calendar.

- 3.3 Langara College offers micro-credentials that are stand-alone, short duration learning experiences that are competency-based, align with industry, employer, community and/or Indigenous community needs, and are assessed and recognized for employment or learning purposes.

Micro-credential	Fewer than 15 credits of course work. Students must meet approved admission requirements and successfully complete required courses to receive recognition of micro-credential completion.
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- 3.4 The Registrar will maintain:
- a standard for the official names of credentials and their abbreviations;
  - a standard for the official names of micro-credentials;
  - a standard for official credential parchments;
  - a standard for official micro-credential recognition documents;
  - a list of current, approved programs of study and their official credential name;
  - a list of current, approved micro-credentials and their official names; and
  - criteria for calculating the cumulative grade-point average and the program grade-point average.

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

- 3.5 To qualify for a credential from Langara College, students are required to complete a minimum of 40% of the credential's course credit at Langara College. An approved Langara College exchange program is exempt from this requirement.
- 3.6 Of the 40% of course credit required for completion of Baccalaureate Degrees, Associate Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates at Langara College the final course credits must be completed, as stipulated:
- For a Baccalaureate Degree, 39 of the last 48 credits must be completed at Langara.
  - For a Diploma or Associate Degree, 18 of the last 24 credits must be completed at Langara.
  - For a Certificate credential, 9 of the last 12 credits must be completed at Langara.
  - All credits towards a Post-Degree Diploma must be completed at Langara
  - All credits towards a Post-Degree Certificate must be completed at Langara
  - All credits towards a Citation must be completed at Langara.
  - All credits towards a Micro-credential must be completed at Langara.

### **Multiple Credentials and Micro-Credentials**

- 3.7 A minimum of 50% of credits for a second or subsequent credential of the same level must be new courses that have not been used to satisfy requirements for a previous credential. Approved Langara College micro-credentials are exempt from this requirement.
- 3.8 Cumulative grade-point average calculations will be continuous across all credentials and micro-credentials.

### **Time Limits**

- 3.9 Education Council may approve time limits for specific programs.

### **Posthumous Credentials**

- 3.10 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 inquires about this policy, contact the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Students.

**5. REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES**

[Regular Studies Credentials and Micro-Credentials Regulations](#)

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