



Policy Name:	Graduation Requirements					
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Jones County Junior College (Jones College) offers courses of study and complete requirements for an Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Applied Science degree, Technical Certificate, or a Career Certificate. Requirements for degrees are set by the Chief Academic Officer.

Associate in Arts Degree (AA)

To graduate from Jones College with an Associate in Arts degree, students must:

- a. Earn 60 semester hours including PSY 2553, 3 hours; English composition, 6 hours; humanities, 9 hours (at least 3 hours in fine arts); social science, 6 hours; college algebra or higher level math, 3 hours; laboratory science, 8 hours; and electives subject to approval to complete the total hours required.
- b. Developmental courses will not count toward graduation requirements.
- c. Earn a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA on all work attempted at Jones College. (Quality points earned from another institution will not make up quality point deficiency for graduation).
- d. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above when all transfer courses used to meet degree requirements are averaged with course work completed at Jones College.
- e. Complete 25 percent of semester credit hours through Jones College.

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

To graduate from Jones College with an Associate in Applied Science degree, students must:

- a. Complete requirements from an outlined curriculum stated in a specified catalog not more than three years old. Note that developmental courses will not count towards graduation requirements.
- b. Successfully complete SSP 1002 Smart Start Pathway.
- c. Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- d. Complete 25 percent of semester credit hours through Jones College. Credit hours generated by work-based learning experience may be substituted for required courses to meet graduation requirements. The number of hours substituted will be restricted to a maximum equivalent to the hours generated by any two major field technical courses. Substitutions must be approved by the Dean of Career and Technical Education or the Chief Academic Officer.

Exception: Any deviation from the above-stated requirements must have the approval of the Dean of Career and Technical Education or the Chief Academic Officer.

Technical Certificate

To graduate from the college with a Technical Certificate, students must:

- a. Satisfactorily complete the prescribed Technical Certificate program as outlined in a catalog not more than three years old.
- b. Successfully complete SSP 1002 Smart Start Pathway.
- c. Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Career Certificate

To graduate from the college with a Career Certificate, students must:

- a. Satisfactorily complete the prescribed certificate program as outlined in a catalog not more than three years old.
- b. Successfully complete SSP 1002 Smart Start Pathway.
- c. Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Credit hours generated by work-based learning experience may be substituted for elective courses. Substitutions must have the approval of the program's Dean or the office of Instructional Affairs.