Reference:  Education Code Section 70902(b)(3); Title 5, Section 55060 et seq.

The District grants the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science to those students who have completed the subject requirements for graduation and who have maintained a minimum 2.0 grade point average in a curriculum which the District accepts toward the degree, of which 12 units are completed in residence. Students must also complete the general education residency and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 regulations.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of a minimum of 16 or more semester units or 24 or more quarter units of degree applicable coursework designed as a pattern of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to career or general education.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements that include appropriate involvement of the local curriculum committee. The procedures shall assure that graduation requirements are published in the District’s catalog(s) and included in other resources that are convenient for students.

Students who maintain continuous enrollment may elect to use the graduation requirements from the catalog in effect at the time the student began attending the West Hills Community College District, or any of the public California Community Colleges or California State Universities. Alternatively, students may elect to use the catalog in effect at the time the student is graduated. Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year, continuous enrollment is defined as being officially enrolled in one term during each academic year (summer, fall, or spring). Active military duty will maintain a student’s continuous enrollment provided the student returns during the academic year following release from active duty.

See Administrative Procedure 4100