

GRADUATION AND CONVOCATION

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Objective:	This policy guides both student assessment for graduation from a program of study, and eligibility to attend the convocation ceremony.
Policy:	<p>Olds College of Agriculture & Technology grants parchments, including certificates, diplomas, applied degrees, degrees and post- diploma certificates to eligible graduates. Parchments are granted for programs of study that have been approved by Alberta Advanced Education (AAE) and included in the Provider & Program Registry System (PAPRS). Olds College may also award other credentials to learners completing requirements for credit or non-credit programming.</p> <p>Residency Requirement To be awarded an Olds College credential, students are required to earn a minimum of 25% of the credits from Olds College.</p> <p>Exceptions Exceptions to graduate or participate in convocation can only be approved by the Registrar in consultation with the appropriate Associate Dean. Requests for exception must be received in writing to the Office of the Registrar.</p>
Definitions:	<p>Graduation: The successful completion of the requirements for a program of study for which students will receive their credential.</p> <p>Convocation: The College’s formal ceremony that recognizes students who have or will earn their credential.</p> <p>Parchment: The official document embossed with the College seal acknowledging the completion of the program of study .</p> <p>Program of Study: The official, approved group courses that, upon completion, leads to a credential.</p> <p>Transcript: The official document of academic history for a student that may include: all attempted and completed course(s) with associated grade(s);</p>

	<p>credential(s) awarded; academic standing; and grade point average(s). Transcripts are maintained and issued by the Office of the Registrar.</p>
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