



North Hennepin Community College

Policy/Procedure Information

Number: 3.36

Name: Degrees and Certificates Policy

Effective Date: May 13, 2022

Next Review Date: AY 2026–2027

Regulatory Authority:

- [MinnState Board Policy 3.36 – Academic Programs Policy](#)
- [MinnState System Procedure 3.36.1 – Academic Programs Procedure](#)
- [MinnState Operating Instruction – 3.36.1.1 Course Number Convention](#)
- [MinnState Operating Instruction – 3.36.1.2 Media Codes](#)

Part 1. Policy Statement.

The Degrees and Certificates Policy guides the granting of awards and requirements needed for completion.

Part 2. General Education Philosophy.

North Hennepin Community College values independent thinking, creativity, and teamwork; students develop lifelong learning skills to prepare them for the interdependent, changing global economy. General education provides a foundation of knowledge in a variety of disciplines; students learn to communicate, think, and apply what they learn in their family, career and social lives.

At North Hennepin Community College, learners expand their intellectual capacity by developing a deeper, broader understanding of the world and building communication and thinking skills. Learners make life decisions by reflecting on their values, connecting them to what they learn, and applying them as engaged citizens. They engage in scholarly activities, develop an understanding and appreciation of culture, and enjoy the pursuit of knowledge.

At North Hennepin Community College the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) provides the general education distribution requirements for the degree programs. The MnTC is designed to give students a college-level general education curriculum that focuses on the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in modern society.

Part 3. Campus Review.

Review Action

Date(s)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Review:

4/25/2022—4/29/2022

Campus Community Review Period:

3/7/2022—3/23/2022

AFSCME Review:	4/1/2022—4/29/2022
MAPE Review:	4/1/2022—4/29/2022
MMA Review:	4/1/2022—4/29/2022
Shared Governance Council Review:	4/15/2022
Student Senate Review:	4/21/2022
President Rolando Garcia Approval:	5/13/2022
Campus Community Dissemination:	5/23/2022

History

- Formerly NHCC III-0202
- Date of Adoption
 - 11-13-97
- Revised
 - 10-02-03
 - 11-23-05
 - 01-27-12
- Reviewed 12-21-15 to reflect changes to board procedure and to lower residency requirement to 15 credits.
- Reviewed 11-16-21 updated to reflect changes to board changes in adding 3.63.1 (Course Numbering Convention) & 3.36.1.2 (Media Codes) and In Part 2, updated the academic program goals, In part 6, added “Colleges and universities shall only offer academic programs that are approved by the chancellor and recorded in the academic program inventory.” and applied the new writing and formatting styles.
- Reviewed Fall 2022