

Graduation/Commencement

Residence Requirements for Completion of Degree/Diploma/Certificate

A student must complete at least 25% of his or her credit hours of a particular program of study at Coastal Pines Technical College in order to be awarded a technical certificate of credit, diploma or degree from Coastal Pines Technical College. Residence requirements of programs in some fields leading to licensure may exceed 25%.

Graduation/Commencement Requirements

Students must apply for graduation and meet all program requirements in order to receive their Award(s). The Graduation Grade Point average calculated includes only those courses required for graduation. When a course is taken more than once, the final or highest grade will be used in calculating the grade point average for graduation. A 2.0 grade point average is required for graduation and the student must be in good standing with the college. The letter grade of d (60-69) will be awarded if earned, but will carry no credit for course completion.

There is no charge to receive a degree, diploma or certificate of credit; however, you must apply in order to have your award printed.

Commencement Ceremony Participation Fee

Students who sign up to participate in the Commencement ceremony at Coastal Pines Technical College will be charged a **\$40.00 non-refundable** participation fee to defray the expense of the ceremony. Caps and gowns are required for the ceremony and are ordered and distributed at rehearsal by the Student Affairs Office.

Students who do not participate in the ceremony are not charged a participation fee.

Honor Graduate

Student graduating with an Associate Degree or Diploma who has a graduation grade point average (GPA) equal to or in excess of 3.5 will be named an Honor Graduate and recognized during the Commencement Ceremony.

President's Scholar

Students graduating with an Associate Degree or Diploma who has a graduation grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 will be named a President's Scholar and recognized during the Commencement Ceremony.

Graduation Rate

Every postsecondary education institution is required by law to disclose its graduation rates annually. The 2020 graduation rate based on IPED's data for Coastal Pines Technical College is 87.3%. This graduation rate reflects only full-time, first-time postsecondary students who began classes in Fall 2019 through Summer 2020. Approximately 82.65% of the students at CPTC are part-time and not included in this graduation rate.