PURPOSE OF POLICY

To recognize State Statute and Rule governing the types of degrees, certificates, and diplomas which may be conferred by a State College.

LOCAL LANGUAGE

Northwest Florida State College offers degree programs, certificates, and diploma programs under the guidelines of SBR 6A-14.030.

The official catalog of the College, published annually, is the document which (plus any supplements or amendments) states the objectives, programs, activities and related operational provisions authorized by the Board for any given fiscal and/or academic year.

Furthermore, the policies which relate to instructional program standards and regulations including but not limited to admission requirements, program length, conditions for continuance in the programs, and requirements for program completion shall be published, annually, in the official college catalog, including acceleration mechanisms for program completion.

In applying policies stated in the college catalog to individual student situations, students who maintain continuous enrollment by completing at least one college preparatory, college credit or vocational credit course towards their declared program each academic year beginning with the student’s first term of enrollment have the option of graduating under either the catalog in place at the time the continuous enrollment began or the catalog in place at the time graduation requirements are completed, provided no more than five academic years have elapsed since the student’s first term of enrollment in the program. If the continuous enrollment requirement is not met, or if the time period exceeds five academic years, the student must comply with the catalog in effect at the time of re-admittance or the catalog in effect at the time of graduation. Students may request an exception by submitting a written request.