

COMMENCEMENT POLICY (COLLEGE)

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| Responsibility of | Faculty Senate |
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POLICY OVERVIEW

This policy states outlines the requirements for students to graduate from a Briercrest program.

PRINCIPLES

This policy is guided by the principles of integrity and transparency.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students of Briercrest College.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students may graduate only if they apply for graduation by the stated deadlines listed in the [key dates and deadlines](#) and [graduation](#) pages, and they meet the following requirements:

- Students must successfully complete all required courses, requisite electives and Service and Experiential Learning requirements for their program as specified in the academic calendar.
- Students must attain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher.

- Students must be in good standing as defined by the Student Responsibilities and Expectations document and obtain the recommendation of the faculty.
- Students must meet all financial obligations to Briercrest College and Seminary before they are issued a diploma. In the event that a student is unable to meet the financial obligations, he or she may participate in the commencement ceremony, but the diploma will not be issued until he or she meets such obligations.
- Students must fulfill the Briercrest College and Seminary residency requirement.
- All Bachelor of Arts students must submit a Senior Portfolio and pass an oral interview. All Bachelor of General Studies students must submit a Junior Portfolio and pass an oral interview.

All students wishing to participate in commencement activities in any given year must ensure that they are able to complete all program requirements (including course work, internships, and/or portfolio) prior to commencement, which is held each year in late April. If, after commencement, it is discovered that a student failed to complete a program requirement, they will be officially removed from that year's graduation list and will be required to re-apply for graduation in a future year.

By August 31 after a student has participated in commencement, graduating students must complete Service Learning requirements and have them officially registered through the Service Learning Office. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the student being officially removed from that year's graduation list and they will be required to re-apply for graduation in a future year.

APPENDIX A

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| Related Forms/Policies | Student Responsibilities and Expectations; Residency Requirements (College) |
| Where is this policy published | College Academic Calendar (https://www.briercrestcollege.ca/academics/calendar/) |
| Contact Information | Registrar |