

WVU Parkersburg Board of Governors

**POLICY C-35**  
**ACCREDITATION AND DEGREE STANDARDS**

**Section 1. General**

- 1.1 This rule specifies the accreditation expectation of the WVU Parkersburg Board of Governors for WVU Parkersburg, and the Board's minimum standards for conferring degrees.
- 1.2 Authority. – WV Code [§18B-1-6](#), [§18B-4-7](#)
- 1.3 Effective Date. – January 20, 2026  
(Replaces version dated June 2, 2006)

**Section 2. Accreditation**

- 2.1 WVU Parkersburg shall be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), or its successor body, as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- 2.2 Academic programs are expected to maintain specialized accreditation, where applicable (e.g., nursing, business, education programs).

**Section 3: Minimum Degree Standards**

- 3.1 To be eligible to receive a baccalaureate degree, a GPA of at least 2.0 is required at the time of graduation. Individual degree programs may require a higher grade point average overall or in specified courses, if approved by the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, or if already in effect as of the effective date of this policy. In all such cases, the higher standard shall prevail.
- 3.2 To be eligible to receive an associate or baccalaureate degree, students must:
  - 3.2.1 Earn the minimum number of credit hours required for the degree (associate = 60+, baccalaureate = 120+).
  - 3.2.2 Complete all general education/core curriculum requirements approved by the institution and consistent with WVCTCS policy.
  - 3.2.3 Meet residency requirements by completing at least 15 credit hours at WVU Parkersburg for associate degrees and 30 credit hours for baccalaureate degrees, unless a specific degree has a special reduced requirement such as a statewide approved degree curriculum.
  - 3.2.4 Satisfy all additional academic program requirements approved through the institutional governance process.