

 <b>CAPILANO UNIVERSITY</b>		POLICY	
Policy No.		Officer Responsible	
<b>S2024-01</b>		<b>Vice President Academic &amp; Provost</b>	
Policy Name			
<b>Programs of Study Outcomes</b>			
Approved by		Replaces	Category
Senate		<b>S2020-01 Academic Credentials Policy</b>	Academic
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<b>January 9, 2024</b>	<b>January 9, 2024</b>	<b>September 1, 2024</b>	<b>B.108 Credit and Non-Credit Courses</b> <b>S2003-03 Academic Standing</b> <b>S2011-02 Posthumous Credential</b> <b>S2017-04 Graduation</b> <b>S2013-01 Transfer Credit</b> <b>S2024-01-01 Programs of Study Outcomes Procedure</b>

## 1. PURPOSE

S2024-01 Program of Study Outcomes Policy (“the Policy”) establishes the minimum criteria required for the awarding of Academic Credentials and Baccalaureate Specializations at Capilano University (“the University”) in alignment with institutional and provincial degree and non-degree standards. The University recognizes the importance of Academic Credentials meeting institutional and provincial standards that demonstrate currency, relevancy, value, and quality assurance.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

A “**Program of Study**” is an integrated group of courses or learning activities leading to learning outcomes in a defined field of study. A Program of Study can be linked to no more than one Academic Credential and/or one Baccalaureate Specialization from the University.

An “**Academic Credential**” is a document provided as evidence of learning based on the successful completion of a recognized and credit-based Program of Study.

A “**Baccalaureate Specialization**” is a documented recognition of student success within a distinct grouping of undergraduate courses that reflect varying depths of study within a defined field of study. A student may earn a baccalaureate degree without a Baccalaureate Specialization, but a student cannot earn a Baccalaureate Specialization without a baccalaureate degree.

## 3. SCOPE

3.1 This Policy governs all Academic Credentials and Baccalaureate Specializations that may be outcomes of Senate-approved Programs of Study. The Policy does not apply to non-academic Programs of Study outside the jurisdiction of the Senate, which are not comprised of credit-based courses and do not lead to Academic Credentials or Baccalaureate Specializations.

#### **4. POLICY STATEMENT**

- 4.1 Through the authority of the *University Act*, the University will grant Academic Credentials and Baccalaureate Specializations to students who successfully complete associated Programs of Study in accordance with the definitions, standards, and criteria set out in S2024-01-01 Programs of Study Outcomes Procedure.
- 4.2 All Senate-approved academic Programs of Study leading to an Academic Credential and/or Baccalaureate Specialization will be aligned with the University's mandate, strategic priorities, and academic plan.
- 4.3 The University will ensure that all Senate-approved academic Programs of Study leading to an Academic Credential and/or Baccalaureate Specialization have well-defined and appropriate program learning outcomes, which are communicated to learners and the University.
- 4.4 The University will ensure transparency and consistency in the development, revision, and approval of Senate-approved Programs of Study that lead to Academic Credentials and/or undergraduate specializations in accordance with the relevant provincial regulatory bodies.

#### **5. DESIGNATED OFFICER**

The Vice President Academic & Provost is the Policy Owner, responsible for the oversight of this Policy. The administration of this Policy and the development, subsequent revisions to and operationalization of any associated procedures is the responsibility of the Director, Academic Planning and Quality Assurance.