



## SUNY Orange Policies and Procedures

Policy Number	Policy Title
<b>BP6.1</b>	<b>Commencement</b>

Commencement exercises at Orange County Community College are held at the end of the Spring semester for students who have fully completed academic degree or certificate requirements for programs approved by the New York State Department of Education and the State University of New York. Participation in the Commencement exercise shall be open to all students who have completed their degree or certificate requirements in the academic sessions after the most recent Commencement exercise. Those students who expect to complete their academic requirements by the conclusion of the Summer Session (which ends in August) may apply to participate in the May Commencement exercise only if they are no more than eight credit hours short of completing their academic requirement in the Summer Session.

Students who have successfully completed the Orange County Community College BRIDGES program during any of the academic sessions after the most recent Commencement exercise, may also participate in the College's Commencement exercise. Any other individuals or groups, not covered by this policy, seeking to be included in Commencement must have their involvement approved by the Board of Trustees prior to their participation.

The Board of Trustees directs the President to develop such procedures as to fairly implement this policy.

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