



# SUNY Orange Policy Manual

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 requirements in the academic sessions subsequent to the most recent Commencement exercise. Those students who expect to complete their academic requirement by the August conclusion of the ensuing Summer Session may apply to participate in the May Commencement only if they are six credit hours or two courses and no more than eight credit hours short of completing their academic requirement in the ensuing Summer Session.

Students who have successfully completed the Orange County Community College BRIDGES program during any of the academic sessions subsequent to the most recent Commencement exercise, may also participate in the Orange County Community College Commencement ceremony.

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

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