



Degree/Certificate Funding Limitations

The following limits apply to all credits and degree/certificate programs, whether or not you received financial aid for your previous coursework:

You may work concurrently on two programs but you must complete both programs within the maximum timeframe for one program (the longer of the two).

You may change your degree or certificate program once before finishing it. If you are changing *from one transfer program to another transfer program*, please review the section on Maximum Timeframe in our Satisfactory Academic Progress policy. If you are changing *from a professional/technical program to a transfer program*, you must submit the [Transfer Degree Request for Transcript Evaluation form](#). If you are changing *to a professional/technical program (either from a transfer program or another professional/technical program)*, you must submit the [Unofficial Credit Evaluation for Change in Program](#) to have your aid eligibility (maximum timeframe requirements) re-evaluated.

Summary of Funding Limitations if You Already Have a Degree or Certificate
*Students who have already completed one program at any school **may** have limited eligibility for another program, as shown below. Please review the instructions for your particular circumstances detailed following the chart below.*

If you have already completed:	Programs for which you may have possible aid eligibility				
	Transfer Degree (AA, AS, AAS-T, etc.)		Non-Transfer or Prof/Tech Degree (AAAS)		Certificate Programs (Total # at All Schools)
Bachelor's degree (or higher)	NO		YES	<u>OR</u>	2 CERTIFICATES
Transfer degree (AA, AS, AFA, AS-T, AAS-T, etc.)	NO		YES	<u>OR</u>	2 CERTIFICATES
Non-transfer degree (AAAS)	YES	<u>OR</u>	YES	<u>OR</u>	2 CERTIFICATES
One or more certificates	YES	<u>OR</u>	YES	<u>OR</u>	UP TO 4 TOTAL CERTIFICATES

If you have already completed a *transfer* degree from any school (AA, AS, AFA, AM, AS-T, AAS-T, etc.), you may not pursue a second transfer degree and receive financial aid. Shoreline does not fund second transfer degrees, no matter when the first was granted, but you may be eligible to complete one non-transfer professional/technical degree (Associate of Applied Arts & Sciences, or AAAS)* **OR** up to two eligible certificate programs (most certificates of 24 credits or more are eligible). Certificates already earned count, except any awarded as part of your associate degree or any short-term certificates (less than 24 credits). You must submit the [Unofficial Credit Evaluation for a Second Program form](#) to have your remaining aid eligibility (maximum timeframe) evaluated. (If you have an associate degree but need to take prerequisites for a bachelor's degree program, see the [Petition for Prerequisite Coursework form](#).)

If you have already completed one *non-transfer* professional/technical degree (AAAS), you may be eligible to complete a second professional/technical degree* **OR** one transfer degree* **OR** up to two eligible certificate programs (most certificates of 24 credits or more are eligible). Certificates already earned count, except any awarded as part of your associate degree or any short-term certificates (less than 24 credits). For a *second professional/technical degree or a certificate program*, continuing Shoreline students must submit the [Unofficial Credit Evaluation for a Second Program form](#) to have your remaining aid eligibility (maximum timeframe) evaluated (not required for new incoming students). If you wish to obtain a *transfer degree*, you need to complete the [Transfer Degree Request for Transcript Evaluation form](#).

If you have already completed one or more *certificate* programs (but no degrees) and you now wish to pursue a two-year degree, continuing Shoreline students must submit the [Unofficial Credit Evaluation form](#) to have your remaining aid eligibility (maximum timeframe) evaluated for a *professional/technical degree (AAAS)*. (No credit evaluation required for professional/technical credits completed at other schools.). For a *transfer degree*, you need to turn in the [Transfer Degree Request for Transcript Evaluation form](#).

If you have not completed any two-year degree programs at any school and do not wish to pursue a degree at Shoreline, you may apply for aid for up to four eligible certificate programs. If you have already completed certificates of 24 credits or more at Shoreline or other schools, they count as part of the four total. If you are a continuing Shoreline student, you must submit the [Unofficial Credit Evaluation form](#) to have your remaining aid eligibility (maximum timeframe) evaluated (credit evaluation not required for professional/technical credits from other schools).

If you have already completed a *bachelor's or a graduate degree*, you may be able to receive funding for one professional/technical certificate or degree but only student loans. See the note about federal loan limits below. (If you need to take prerequisites for another bachelor's degree or graduate program, see the [Petition for Prerequisite Coursework form](#).)

Aid eligibility is further restricted by federal program limits: Students may receive Pell Grant for a total of six years only; the Direct Loan program's undergraduate lifetime limit for independent students for Subsidized Loan is \$23,000 and \$57,500 combined Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans; and dependent students can borrow \$23,000 in Subsidized and \$31,000 in combined Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans.

* Note about the Washington State grant programs (State Need Grant, College Bound, Passport to College): Students may receive such funding for a second associate degree only if five years have passed since the first degree was granted.