



# NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

## Memo

To: Board of Trustees

From: Mel Ponder, President

Date: April 15, 2025

Re: Catalog for Academic Year 2025-2026

Each academic year, Northwest Florida State Colleges publishes an official Catalog. The below table provides a summary of the substantive changes for the 2025-2026 Catalog. The Catalog can be viewed in full at: <https://catalog.nwfsc.edu/index.php?catoid=39>.

The Catalog does not reflect any fee adjustments. Any proposed fee changes will be presented to the Board for separate action as a part of the budgetary actions for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and will then be reflected in the Catalog.

The table below provides a summary of the substantive changes to the 2025-2026 Catalog.

Item	Comments
About NWFSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated program accreditation information to reflect all current program accreditations.</li></ul>
Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated admission language for some Selective Admissions Programs to be more specific about eligibility, restrictions, and requirements. For example, for phlebotomy, the College added “students should be cognizant of the time commitment required for clinical hours—two 8-hour days/week for two weeks (a total of four days).” This assists students in the decision to participate or not.</li></ul>
Prior Learning and Transfer Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated prior learning guidelines to provide additional clarity for award of credit.</li></ul>
Student Handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated Free Expression on College Property language to be consistent with BOT policy GP 6.00.</li><li>Updated Student Rights and Responsibilities section to clarify applicable BOT, HR, and Title IX policies.</li></ul>
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Added the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education), or other allowable means per Rule 6A-10.040, F.A.C., as a testing method for students pursuing a Career Certificate Program (CCP) that is 15 or more vocational credit hours to demonstrate minimum skill levels in math, language, and reading.</li></ul>

<b>General Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated the Civic Literacy Competency language to be in compliance with state rule (added additional course that counts toward requirement and additional assessments that can be used to demonstrate competency).</li> <li>• Updated General Education course listings as previously approved by the BOT in November 2024.</li> <li>• Updated General Education student learning outcomes to be more specific and measurable.</li> <li>• Changed prior references to “Gordon Rule” to “writing-focused” courses because Gordon Rule language is no longer in statute.</li> </ul>
<b>Degrees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised program requirements, such as core courses, elective courses, and suggested two-year academic plans for the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applied Management (AAS)</li> <li>○ Accounting Technology (AS)</li> <li>○ Business Administration (AS)</li> <li>○ Business Management (CCC)</li> <li>○ Computer Information Technology (AS)</li> <li>○ Engineering Technology – all specializations (AS)</li> <li>○ Graphics Technology (AS)</li> <li>○ Health Services Management (AS)</li> <li>○ Medical Laboratory Technology (AS)</li> <li>○ Paralegal Studies (AS)</li> <li>○ Nursing (BS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Closed the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Accounting Technology Management (CCC)</li> <li>○ Industrial Management Technology (AS)</li> <li>○ Management and Supervision – Public Safety Specialization (BAS)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Courses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised course titles, course descriptions, credit hours, offered terms, prerequisites (including minimum grade required), learning outcomes, reactivated and inactivated courses, and other miscellaneous revisions approved in Curriculum Work Group meetings.</li> <li>• Inactivated courses not taught in five years or marked inactive in the Statewide Course Numbering System (FLDOE) – <i>pending approval by BOT in April 15, 2025 meeting.</i></li> <li>• Added new courses for revised programs and to accommodate students in the teach-out plans for closed programs.</li> </ul>

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Trustees approves the amendments to the College’s Catalog for Academic Year 2025-2026, as presented.