**Administrative Regulation 4026**

**Requirements for Graduation for Baccalaureate in Science Degree**

Rancho Santiago Community College District shall offer the baccalaureate in science degree. To obtain a baccalaureate degree, students must:

A. Complete a combination of lower-division and upper-division coursework totaling

a minimum of 120 semester units to include the following:

1. A minimum of twenty-four (24) units of lower-division-major courses

a. Lower-division courses acceptable toward the baccalaureate degree are designated as CSU or UC transferable or determined to be at the baccalaureate level.

b. Lower-division courses from other U.S. regionally accredited institutions will be evaluated by CTE counselor or graduation specialist to determine baccalaureate credit based on course description, comparable content, appropriate prerequisites, or C-ID number.

c. All lower-division requirements must be met before the baccalaureate degree is granted.

d. International courses will be evaluated for baccalaureate major requirements only when course descriptions are submitted in English, along with a transcript evaluated by an approved foreign transcript service.

1. Forty (40) units of upper-division-major courses

a. Rancho Santiago Community College District courses designated as upper-division are applicable only to the baccalaureate degree and may not be used to satisfy associate degree requirements.

b. Upper-division courses from other U.S. regionally accredited institutions will NOT be accepted major, general education, or elective baccalaureate degree credit.

3. Completion of the California State University (CSU) GE Breadth (Plan B)

or the University of California (UC) intersegmental general education

transfer curriculum IGETC (Plan C) lower-division general education

patterns (37-41 units)

a. Previously completed lower-division general education courses will be evaluated according to the CSU-GE or IGETC certification guidelines.

b. Students enrolled in the baccalaureate program who have not completed the CSU-GE or IGETC pattern must complete any remaining CSU-GE or IGETC Areas.

4. A minimum of nine (9) units of upper-division general education courses

B. Satisfy competency in reading, writing, and mathematics through the completion

of the CSU-GE or IGETC general education patterns.

C. Complete a minimum of twelve (12) units in residence.

D. Maintain an overall 2.0 grade-point average (GPA); courses completed with a “P”

may be used toward meeting baccalaureate degree requirements.