2022-2023 General Catalog and Student Handbook Addendums

Addendum to Tuition for Veterans:

Students utilizing VA education benefits shall not be charged a penalty, including assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or be required to borrow additional funds because of the individual's inability to meet their financial obligations due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Students utilizing VA education benefits shall not be charged a penalty, including assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or be required to borrow additional funds because of the individual's inability to meet their financial obligations due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Update to Bishop State Community College Vision and Missions Statement:

The Vision of Bishop State Community College is to be a comprehensive learning institution that equips students and the community with the skills, knowledge, and ability to achieve real-world success.

The Mission of Bishop State Community College is to promote career pathways through open access to an affordable, quality education in a diverse and inclusive environment.

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Update to Admissions Requirements

Policy previously read:

All students must complete an admission application, *submit one primary form of identification, provide a high school transcript or GED, and any other supplemental documentation that may be required prior to beginning the registration process. *Examples of primary forms of documentation, (other documents may be accepted at the

discretion of the College):

- Unexpired Alabama driver's license
- Unexpired Alabama identification card
- Unexpired U.S. passport
- Unexpired U.S. permanent resident card
- Resident Alien Card Pre 1997
- Unexpired Driver's License or instruction permit from another state or possession that verifies lawful presence, dated 2000 and beyond
- U.S. Alien Registration Receipt Card (form I-151) prior to 1978
- BIA or tribal identification card with photo

*Applicants may submit the identification in person or they may take a picture and email a copy to driverslicense@bishop.edu.

Update to Graduation Requirements

Policy previously read:

Graduation Requirements

A student shall be awarded the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Occupational Technologies degrees, Certificate, or a Short-Term Certificate, upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of the specific program as specified by the college. A student must:

- 1. Satisfactorily pass all required courses and complete the prescribed number of credit hours in a degree or certificate program as outlined in the student's degree plan. Check the College's website or your program advisor for your degree plan requirements.
- 2. Earn a 2.0 or higher cumulative grade point average in all courses attempted at the College. The calculation of the grade point average for graduation shall not include grades earned in institutional (developmental) credit courses. A course may be counted only once for purposes of meeting graduation requirements.
- 3. Officially transfer all credits from other postsecondary institutions, if applicable.
- 4. Complete at least 25% of total credit hours in the program at Bishop State Community College, if seeking an award.
- 5. Complete all general education requirements and elective requirements as listed in the degree plan of study.

^{*}Highlighted information has been deleted.

- 6. Meet satisfactory attainment of general education core competencies through classroom assessment activities or exit examination, prior to receiving an associate degree. (Applicable to all students receiving AA, AS, AAS, and AOT degrees).
- 7. After completion of all program requirements, Bishop State will award the appropriate degree or certificate at the time that the student becomes eligible.

The Registrar's Office will send notification letters to all potential graduates each term. A separate letter will be sent after the term ends to notify students who have completed all of their graduation requirements that their award has been conferred.

Students who do not receive a graduation letter but who believe that they should be graduating should consult with their academic adviser.

*Candidates for Associate in Applied Science and Associate in Occupational Technologies degrees who will be participating in the graduation ceremony are required to take the WorkKeys Assessment prior to graduation. There is no fee for taking the assessment.

*Highlighted information has been deleted.

Update to New Student Orientation:

Policy previously read:

New students are required to attend *The Wildcat Welcome* (New Student Orientation) in-person and/or online session prior to regular registration at Bishop State Community College. This session is designed to acquaint students with college life and the academic environment, advising process, policies and procedures, student services, and extracurricular activities available on campus. The orientation information on placement testing, introduction to academic programs and requirements, selection of a major field of study, and advising on class schedule preparation and registration. In addition to the orientation session, new students are required to enroll in *Orientation and Student Success (ORI 105)*, a three credit hour course designed to give information about college life and strategies on how to be a successful college student.

Updated Policy:

New students are required to attend The Wildcat Welcome (New Student Orientation) in-person and/or online session prior to regular registration at Bishop State Community College. This session is designed to acquaint students with college life and the academic environment, advising process, policies and procedures, student services, and extracurricular activities available on campus. The orientation information on placement testing, introduction to academic programs and requirements, selection of a major field of study, and advising on class schedule preparation and registration.

In addition to the orientation session, new students are required to enroll in Orientation and Student Success (ORI 105), a three credit hour course designed to give information about

college life and strategies on how to be a successful college student. *Students who have completed 50% or more of their current degree or certificate through native or transfer coursework will not be required to take ORI 105. Students who have previously completed ORI 101 with a grade of D or higher will also not be required to take ORI 105.

*Some programs require ORI 105 regardless of the amount of the degree has been completed.