

PCA Online Diploma Requirements

Required Program

4 Bible
4 English
4 Math
4 Science
4 Social Studies
2 Foreign Language
(the same foreign language)
½ Health
½ Test Prep
1 Physical Education
1 Fine Arts
1 Technology

26 credits+

Distinguished Diploma Program

4 Bible
4 English
4 Math
4 Science
4 Social Studies
3 Foreign Language
(the same foreign language)
½ Health
½ Test Prep
1 Physical Education
1 Fine Arts
1 Technology

27 credits * +

*Requires 4 AP measures (4 AP classes or approved college credit)

+To qualify for a PCA Online diploma, students must complete a total of 24 volunteer service hours while in High School.

Please note: Upper School courses taken in Middle School for Upper School credit do not replace the requirement of school-of-record and graduation track students taking 45 credits of all 5 core courses (English, math, science, history, and Bible) during grades 9-12.

Honor Graduates

Eligibility is based on the cumulative eight semester grade point average (GPA). The GPA qualifies the student for the following honors graduation levels:

Cum Laude GPA 3.0 to 3.49

Magna Cum Laude GPA 3.5 to 3.99

Summa Cum Laude GPA 4.0 and above

Graduation Requirements

PCA Online offers two programs of study for Upper School students. The Required Program consists of courses students must take to graduate from PCA Online. The Distinguished Diploma Program requires additional courses and advanced measures for students pursuing a more rigorous level of academics. In order to be considered for a PCA Online diploma, students must successfully complete a minimum of 25% of their overall coursework with PCA Online, complete a minimum of 5.0 Senior level course credits through PCA Online (shared on-campus or virtual only), meet all the graduation requirements and have approval from the Academic Committee. Please note, PCA Online courses taken in Middle School for Upper School credit do not apply toward the 25% of overall online coursework requirement. A two-semester course is equal to 1.0 credit. A semester course is equal to .5 credit. No credit by equivalent will be awarded other than a maximum of 1.0 P.E. credit. All other graduation requirements must be met by course completion. Credit by equivalent will also be given for test prep, if taken with an official test prep entity. Additionally, a minimum of 7 online credits are required to graduate and a Senior Capstone is required.

Completion Date in Lieu of Graduation

Students may be eligible to receive a completion date from PCA Online if a graduation date is not desired or possible. Students who are not eligible for graduation with PCA Online will not receive a diploma, nor be permitted to participate in graduation activities and exercise. It is the responsibility of the student and parents to ensure that the university the student seeks to attend will accept a completion date in lieu of a graduation date and diploma.