

KENNEBEC VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**DOUBLE MAJOR POLICY**

Students may matriculate in only one program at a time. Following completion of the program, students may be considered for admission to another program.

Students should be required to complete one major within a degree program before a second major is approved. Exception to this policy will be granted only with the approval of the Department Chair and the Vice President/Academic Dean. Consultation with Financial Aid, if applicable, should also occur.

**REASONS FOR PROPOSAL:**

For financial aid purposes, students are allowed only 150 percent of the amount of time required to complete a program. For example, students would be allowed three years to complete an associate degree program or one and a half years to complete a one year diploma program. Changing programs part way through or enrolling in more than one program at time could end up with the student being unable to receive financial aid if they exceed the 150 percent of the program length.

The track record disclosure law requires the College to keep track of and publish its completion rate. Students changing programs have a negative impact on these figures.

The College has an obligation to keep student loan levels down to a reasonable level in relationship to the expected income level upon graduation. Encouraging or allowing matriculations in two programs simultaneously, or multiple majors, only lengthens students' time here and they are very likely to incur a higher level of debt without necessarily enhancing their earning potential.