

CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

The college's career and technical programs are designed both to prepare students for employment and to provide additional education for those already employed. They meet the increasing demand for technicians, paraprofessionals, skilled craft workers, and specialized clerical workers for employment in industry, business, government, and the professions. Programs include preparation for agricultural, business, engineering, health and medical, industrial, service, and other career and technical fields.

Three different lengths of programs give students convenient options. Career studies programs supply basic skills and may be completed in one or two semesters. Certificate programs add more advanced training and general education courses. They generally last two or three semesters. Associate of Applied Arts (AAA) and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) programs are two-year degrees that include both basic and advanced courses in the major field as well as general education requirements. All programs, whatever the length, may offer more than one track, or area of specialization.

In most cases, courses included in the career studies and certificate programs apply to the two-year associate's degree. Many students complete career studies or certificate programs, find employment, and then continue to upgrade their skills and earning power by completing the AAA and AAS degrees.

The AAA and AAS degrees are generally considered non-transfer degrees, meaning that courses taken to earn the degree may not transfer to four-year colleges or universities. Some AAS programs, however, do transfer to specific four-year schools as the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program. Students planning to transfer should meet with a transfer counselor to plan their program and investigate the requirements of transfer institutions before choosing electives.

In addition to the college's general admission requirements, students are required to complete placement tests in reading, composition, and mathematics. The college has a required developmental program for students who need to remedy deficiencies in these areas.

In order to graduate with the associate degree, you must meet the college's computer competency requirement.

Some programs are not offered on all campuses. Most general education classes, such as English, social sciences, humanities, and mathematics can be taken on any campus.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED ARTS AND ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

Agricultural Business Technology

- Horticulture
 - Landscape Design and Management
 - Greenhouse Production and Garden Center Management

Arts and Design Technology

- Studio Arts
 - Crafts
 - Fine Arts
 - Photography
- Graphic Design
 - Business Arts
 - Computer Graphics
 - Multimedia
- Interior Design

Business Technology

- Accounting
- Administrative Support Technology
 - Administrative Assistant
 - Medical Secretary
- Hospitality Management
 - Culinary Arts
 - Food Service Management
 - Lodging Management
- Information Systems Technology
- Paralegal Studies
 - General Practice
 - Litigation
- Management
 - Maritime Logistics

Engineering and Industrial Technology

- Automotive Technology
- Civil Engineering Technology
- Computer Aided Drafting and Design Program
 - Architectural Drafting and Design Technology
 - Mechanical Drafting and Design Technology
- Electromechanical Controls Technology
- Electronics Technology
 - Electronics Engineering Technology
 - Computer Engineering Technology
 - Electronic Metrology

Industrial

- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Industrial Management
- Industrial Manufacturing Engineering Technology
- Industrial Supervision
- Mechanical Metrology
- Occupational Safety
- Quality Assurance

Health Professions

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Health Information Technology
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiography
- Registered Respiratory Therapist

Public Service Technology

- Administration of Justice
- American Sign Language/English Interpretation
- Early Childhood Development
- Environmental Protection
- Fire Science

INDEPENDENT CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

Business Technology

- Truck Driving

Engineering and Industrial Technology

- Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration
- Welding

Health Professions

- Health Sciences
- Medical Assisting

INDEPENDENT CAREER STUDIES OPTIONS

- Developmental Disabilities Specialist
- Gerontology
- Machine Tool
- Music