

Degree Requirements

Academic Requirements

The board of trustees grants the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, and Associate of General Studies degrees. Requirements for the degrees include:

1. the successful completion of a minimum of sixty-four (64) semester credit hours,
2. a cumulative GPA of 2.0,
3. completion of at least eighteen (18) credit hours in residence at NCCC, and
4. clearing of all holds and obligations to NCCC.

Pre- and post-assessment area required by NCCC. Requirements for graduation may be completed during any semester. Any change in graduation requirements must be approved by the chief academic officer.

Course numbers under 100 will not count toward the sixty-four (64) credit hours required for the associate degrees.

All currently enrolled students who plan to graduate at the conclusion of any given semester must file an Intent to Graduate form at the time they enroll for their final semester so that their records may be checked to ensure that all graduation requirements have been met.

Candidates for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing have additional requirements for graduation. *See the AAS in Nursing program sheet for more information.*

Students who enroll under the provisions of a previously dated catalog will have the option of continuing and graduating under those provisions, or under the provisions of the current catalog, but not both.

Specific Degree Requirements

a. Associate of Science (AS) Degree

(revised 1/15/04, 7/13/06, 12/13/07, 4/10/08, 10/18/12)

The associate of science degree is designed for students planning to transfer to pursue a bachelor's degree in business, education, engineering, mathematics, social or behavioral science, biological science, or related technologies. The 64 credit hours required for this degree must include:

Communications English Composition I, English Composition II, Fundamentals of Speech	9 hours
Computer Literacy Proficiency <i>Note: A test-out option is available which forgives the requirement but does NOT replace the needed credit hours</i>	3 hours
Science and Mathematics A. Two science courses with both having a lab component; additionally, one of the science courses must be considered a biological science and the other	13-15 hours

must be considered a physical science, and B. One mathematics including College Algebra or a higher level math course	
Social and Behavioral Sciences General Psychology and six credit hours from two of the following areas: economics, geography, political science, psychology, and/or sociology	9 hours
Arts and Humanities Choose from three areas: art*, history, drama*, language, literature, music* and humanities (*performance/participation classes do not meet this requirement)	9 hours
Physical Education Lifetime Fitness	1 hour
First Year Seminar (or approved substitute) (May be waived for transfer students with 15+ hours)	1 hour
Appropriate Field of Study A program of study in business, education, engineering, mathematics, social or behavioral science, natural science, or related technologies	17-19 hours

b. Associate of Arts (AA) Degree

(revised 1/5/04, 6/10/04, 7/13/06, 4/5/07, 4/10/08, 10/18/12)

The associate of arts degree is designed for students planning to transfer to pursue a bachelor's degree in a liberal arts field. The 64 credit hours required for this degree must include:

Communications English Composition I, English Composition II, Fundamentals of Speech	9 hours
Computer Literacy Proficiency <i>Note: A test-out option is available which forgives the requirement but does NOT replace the needed credit hours</i>	3 hours
Science and Mathematics A. Two science courses with one course having a lab component; additionally, one of the science courses must be considered a biological science and the other must be considered a physical science; and B. One mathematics course, including College Algebra or a higher level math course	11-13 hours
Social and Behavioral Sciences General Psychology and six credit hours from two of the following areas: economics, geography, political science, psychology, and/or sociology	9 hours
Arts and Humanities Choose from at least three areas: art*, music*, theatre*, history, language, literature, or philosophy (*performance/participation classes do not meet this requirement)	12 hours
Physical Education Lifetime Fitness	1 hour
First Year Seminar (or approved substitute) (May be waived for transfer students with 15+ hours)	1 hour
Appropriate Field of Study Appropriate field of study in liberal arts	16-18 hours

For example: study in English, fine arts, education, history, humanities, language, music, social science, or general liberal arts	
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c. Associate of General Studies (AGS) Degree

(revised 1/15/04, 4/10/08, 10-18-12)

The associate of general studies degree is a terminal two-year degree designed for individuals who do not plan to transfer. The 64 credit hours required for this degree must include:

Communications English Composition I required, plus English Composition II or Fundamentals of Speech or Interpersonal Communications	6 hours
Computer Literacy Proficiency <i>Note: A test-out option is available which forgives the requirement but does NOT replace the needed credit hours</i>	1-3 hours
Science and Mathematics One biological or physical science and a science lab course, and one mathematics including Intermediate Algebra or a higher level math course	8-10 hours
Social and Behavioral Sciences	9 hours
Arts and Humanities	9 hours
Physical Education Lifetime Fitness	1 hour
First Year Seminar (or approved substitute) (May be waived for transfer students with 15+ hours)	1 hour
The remaining credits may be selected from various program emphasis areas recommended by the student's academic advisor	25-29 hours

d. Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree

(revised 1/15/04, 4/10/08, 10/18/12)

The associate of applied science degree is designed for individuals who wish to begin a career upon graduation. Students completing this program will receive an associate of applied science degree and a two-year certificate in the occupational specialty. The 64-72 credit hours required for this degree must include:

Specialization and Related Courses/Competencies A. Specialization courses/competencies from major technical specialty B. Related courses/competencies from the following: interpersonal skills (employability skills), courses from other disciplines	42-48 hours
Computer Literacy Proficiency <i>Note: A test-out option is available which forgives the requirement but does NOT replace the needed credit hours</i>	1-3 hours
General Education Courses/Competencies A. English Composition I and Interpersonal Communication required B. Other general education courses selected from: communication, math,	12-25 hours

science, social or behavioral science, arts and humanities, or physical education	
First Year Seminar (or approved substitute) (May be waived for transfer students with 15+ hours)	1 hour

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