Associate in Applied Science Degrees (A.A.S.) are occupational programs that are structured for students primarily interested in acquiring Career Technical Education (CTE) skills in order to enter the job market. However, a number of four-year institutions offer baccalaureate degrees designed to accommodate A.A.S. degree graduates. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution should meet with an Advisor from the institution to which he/she plans to attend to discuss transferability of the A.A.S. degree and individual courses. (See pages 32-38 for Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) approved general education and major courses.)

Students seeking an A.A.S. degree must select a program of study, (e.g., Child Development, Criminal Justice, Nursing) in order to determine the specific general education courses, the program core courses, and electives that are required to complete the program. An A.A.S. degree is comprised of 50 to 75 percent (%) of required technical core and specialty course work. Additionally, the A.A.S. degree requires a minimum of 15 credit hours of general education instruction. (See pages 24-29 for A.A.S. degree selection by Program/Plan Cluster.)

Note: Section I, A through D, General Education Requirements, allows a student to take a combination of transfer courses in order to fulfill the 15 CH minimum requirement. General education course selection will vary depending upon the skills required for the specific A.A.S. degree, e.g., two courses from Discipline C, Mathematics and Science.

**I. GENERAL EDUCATION APPROVED CORE**

A. COMMUNICATIONS

   English 101 Required, and other English or Speech courses if applicable

B. FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

   Select one or more courses from the following disciplines: African-American Studies, Art, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Humanities, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Theater Art

C. MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

   Select one or more courses from the following disciplines: Astronomy, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Geology, Mathematics, Oceanography, Physical Science, Physics, Zoology

D. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

   Select one or more courses from the following disciplines: Anthropology, Business, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology

E. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

   Anthropology 201, 202 Political Science
   Economics 201, 202 Psychology
   Geography Social Science 101, 102
   History Sociology

**II. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION REQUIRED COURSES**

Sections II, III. [Note: 50-75% of CTE coursework is required for sections II & III.]

**III. WORK-BASED LEARNING COURSES**

(required internship, practicum, and/or apprenticeship)

**IV. PROGRAM ELECTIVES**

minimum 60

(60 CH minimum to 72 CH maximum unless otherwise approved by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Additional credit hours are due to exceptions for occupational fields in which accreditation or licensure by a state or national organization requires additional coursework.)

1. A student who intends to transfer to a four-year university should meet with a college Academic Advisor to discuss the IAI approved General Education courses that will transfer. (See pages 31-37 for Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) approved general education and major courses.)

2. A student who does not plan to transfer to a four-year university may enroll in any General Education transfer course which will fulfill the requirements for the A.A.S. degree.

**Human Diversity (HD) Requirement**

To fulfill the requirements for the A.A.S. degree, at least one course in General Education must meet the State of Illinois’ Human Diversity requirement.

Students planning to transfer to four-year universities should seek the advice of a college Academic Advisor to determine the appropriate courses for transfer. Additional credit hours are due to exceptions for occupational fields in which accreditation or licensure by a state or national organization requires additional coursework.

**EDUCATIONAL GUARANTEE**

Upon application by the graduate and his employer, the District will provide an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) or Career Program Certificate graduate up to nine (9) additional post-graduation credit hours or the equivalent non-credit training hours in a career or certificate program (as determined by the Chancellor or designee) at no tuition or fees. To qualify under this section, the application must be made by the graduate within ninety (90) days of the graduate’s initial employment. The employer must certify in writing to the Chancellor that the employee lacks specified skills to perform in a position for which the A.A.S. degree or career certificate should have prepared that employee. Employment must have commenced within twelve (12) months of the employee’s degree or certificate award, and the achievement of same occurring over a period of no more than four (4) years in the case of a thirty (30) credit hour or more program, and two (2) years when the program is less than thirty (30) credit hours. http://www.ccc.edu/files/studentpolicymanual