

# **CAREER STUDIES**



## **PROGRAM PURPOSE**

The associate in applied science degree in career studies is designed to provide a highly individualized and flexible program of study for students whose educational and/or occupational goals cannot be met by the other programs of the college. Recognizing that many students come to the college with significant work and/or learning experiences, this program provides for recognition of that experience, by the awarding of academic credit (after a thorough portfolio review process) in an occupational track.

#### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Students pursuing the associate in applied science degree in career studies are required to complete a minimum of 60 credit hours. These credits fall into three categories:

#### Career/Vocational/Technical - 24

A total of 24 credits must be completed in a career track. Up to 20 credit hours may be awarded toward this requirement for related experiential knowledge within an occupational track at the College. [Students applying for experiential credits must provide a detailed portfolio to the college's academic dean for review and possible awarding of credit; students applying for portfolio credits must notify the admissions office at the time of application.]

#### **General Education - 21**

A student must have a minimum of 12 credit hours in Communications, Social Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts plus a minimum of 8 credit hours in Math/Sciences.

#### **Electives - 15**

A student may take any other courses from within the college to meet the total 60 credit hour requirement, except for developmental courses (courses numbered 099 or lower).

Note: A minimum of 15 credit hours must be at the 200 level.

Since this is an individualized program of study, a student's plan/curriculum must be approved in advance by the respective chair of the department in which the concentration is based.

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### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

The following procedures constitute the admissions process:

- 1. An application form must be submitted accompanied by a nonrefundable \$20 application fee. Students requesting portfolio credits must include the request at the time of application.
- 2. An official high school transcript must also be submitted (current seniors' transcripts should include completed ranking periods).
- 3. HiSET/GED test scores must be submitted by applicants who are not high school graduates.
- 4. Official college transcripts must be submitted by applicants who have attended other colleges or post-secondary schools.
- Placement testing or appropriate SAT scores, individual interviews and campus tours are required, in most cases, prior to being admitted.
- 6. Admissions decisions are made as quickly as possible once a candidate's file is complete.
- Accepted applicants are required to make a deposit within thirty days of acceptance. Students requesting on campus housing are required to submit an additional deposit to reserve space in the residential complex.

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