

CAREER STUDIES



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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. Submit an NMCC application along with a \$20 application fee.
2. Submit official high school transcript and/or HiSET/GED scores (current senior's transcript should include completed ranking period grades).
3. Official college transcripts for applicants who have attended other post-secondary schools.
4. If SAT scores are not available, placement testing may be required.
5. Individual interview required.
6. A campus tour is highly recommended.

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