

## DEGREES, DIPLOMAS & CERTIFICATES

**Associate in arts degree.** An associate in arts degree is awarded upon completion of a 60 to 64 credit program in the liberal arts and sciences without a named field of study. It is designed for transfer to baccalaureate degree-granting institutions.

The degree requires completion of at least a 40 credit general education curriculum that fulfills the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum goal areas.

**Associate in science degree.** An associate in science degree is awarded upon completion of a 60 to 64 credit transfer program in scientific, technological, or other professional fields designed to transfer in its entirety to a related baccalaureate program by way of an articulation agreement.

The associate in science degree requires a minimum of 30 general education credits selected from at least six of the ten goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

**Associate in applied science degree.** An associate in applied science degree is awarded upon completion of a 60 to 72 credit program in a named field of study in scientific, technological or other professional fields. It prepares students for employment in an occupation or range of occupations. An associate in applied science degree may also be accepted in transfer to a related baccalaureate program.

The degree requires a minimum of 15 general education credits selected from at least three of the ten goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. At least 30 credits shall be in the academic program's occupational or technical field of preparation.

NOTE: An associate in applied science degree more than 72 credits in length may be approved when the academic program prepares an individual for employment and the length is (1) required by an employer, a licensing body or other regulatory agency, accrediting association, or board or (2) based on a formal task analysis conducted within the previous three years and the results endorsed by an advisory committee.

**Diploma.** A diploma is awarded upon completion of a 31 to 72 credit undergraduate academic program that prepares students for employment. A minimum of 24 credits shall be in occupational or technical courses.

NOTE: A diploma program of more than 72 credits in length may be approved when the diploma program prepares an individual for employment and the length is (1) required by an employer, a licensing body or other regulatory agency, accrediting association, or board or (2) based on a formal task analysis conducted within the previous three years and the results endorsed by an advisory committee.

**Undergraduate certificate.** An undergraduate certificate is awarded upon completion of a 9 to 30 credit academic program. An undergraduate certificate program may have an occupational outcome or address a focused area of study.

NOTE: An undergraduate certificate program less than 9 or more than 30 credits in length may be approved when the certificate program prepares an individual for employment and the length or the designation as a certificate is (1) required by an employer, a licensing body or other regulatory agency, accrediting association, or board or (2) based on a formal task analysis conducted within the previous three years and the results endorsed by an advisory committee.

**For specific program credit requirements, please see the college catalog or the college web site.**