

# Program Awards

## 1. **Associate in Science (AS)**

The Associate in Science degree is an undergraduate award signifying successful completion of a prescribed course of study (60 to 64 semester credit hours) designed for students planning to transfer to a senior institution to pursue a baccalaureate degree in the sciences or a specialized professional field.

## 2. **Associate in Applied Science (AAS)**

The Associate in Applied Science degree is an undergraduate award signifying successful completion of a prescribed course of study (60 to 76 semester credit hours) designed for students who wish to prepare for a career and at the same time enjoy the rewards of college general education. Associate in Applied Science degrees are offered in the following programs:

Business Management - Accounting  
Business Management - Entrepreneurship  
Child Development  
Information Systems - Cloud Computing  
Information Systems - Computer and Network Support  
Office Management - Medical Office Technology  
Office Management - Support Technology

## 3. **Certificate (CER)**

The Certificate prepares students for employment in specific occupational fields. A student who completes the requirements of a prescribed course of study (30 to 60 semester credit hours) as outlined in the Catalog is awarded a Certificate. Certificates are offered in the following programs:

Business Management - Accounting  
Business Management - Entrepreneurship  
Child Development  
Information Systems - Cloud Computing  
Information Systems - Computer and Network Support  
Office Management - Medical Office Technology  
Office Management - Support Technology

## 4. **CTE Short-Term Certificate (STC)**

The CTE Short-Term Certificate is an undergraduate award signifying the successful completion of a prescribed course of study (9 to 29 semester credit hours) equipping the student with a focused set of skills for an entry-level position in business or industry. CTE Short-Term Certificates are not designed for transfer to a senior institution. CTE Short-Term Certificates are offered in the following programs:

Business Foundations  
Business Management - Accounting  
Business Management - Entrepreneurship  
Child Development  
Child Development Associate  
Criminal Justice  
Information Systems - Computer and Network Support  
Information Systems - Hardware and Software Support  
Office Management - Medical Office Technology  
Office Management - Office Support Technology

5. **General Education Short-Term Certificate**

The General Education Short-Term Certificate is an undergraduate award signifying completion of a prescribed course of study (28-29 semester credit hours) designed to assist students in developing an academic foundation to earn credit toward the Associate in Science degree.