

ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Academic Programs

The following are brief descriptions of the academic programs offered at Nunez Community College. Students are required to complete a minimum of 25% of the required hours in all degree or certificate programs in residence at Nunez. Additional graduation requirements are described in the "Graduation Requirements" section of the Catalog. Students who intend to transfer to another college should discuss these plans with a Nunez advisor and with a counselor from the other college so that maximum **articulation** of credits can be achieved.

Career and Technical Certificate (CTC)

An applied skills program (usually 6-18 hours) that provides specific, meaningful technical skills relative to employment readiness. The CTC includes a demonstrated alignment with, and a process whereby a student's competencies are verified against, a set of pre-determined standards which lead to and/or prepare an individual to test for an industry-based certification (IBC), state licensure, or state-recognized certification awarded by an independent third party that is recognized by business and industry and/or the State of Louisiana. At least half of the CTC requirements should be distinctive from other credentials. The CTC is not designed for transfer to an academic degree program. CTCs may be combined to form a Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS) and/or a Technical Diploma (TD).

Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS)

An applied, technical program (usually 16-33 hours) provides the student with a broad technical competency. The CTS is not designed for transfer to an associate or baccalaureate degree program; the Certificate of Applied Science (CAS) is more appropriate for such transferability. After completion, students may consider pursuing a CAS in the same field.

Certificate of Applied Science (CAS)

A more academically-oriented program (usually 30-42 hours) created by combining a CTS with a limited general education component (at least 9 hours). At a minimum, the general education component should be fully transferable into any undergraduate academic program. After completion, students may consider pursuing an associate degree in the same field.

Certificate of General Studies (CGS)

An academically-oriented program designed to provide students with a broad foundation of fundamental academic skills, primarily for personal growth or as preparation for further collegiate study. The CGS framework allows students an opportunity to tailor their courses to meet admission or pre-requisite requirements of a transfer institution. The 30-hour curriculum consists of eight general education courses (24 hours) and two elective courses. After completion, the students may consider pursuing an Associate of General Studies.

Technical Diploma (TD)

An applied, technical program (45-60 hours), often formed by combining multiple CTS and CTC courses. Technical Diploma programs are strictly limited to technical and community colleges.

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

An applied, academic degree program, with a limited general education core component, primarily designed to prepare students for immediate employment or career entry. AAS degrees can be formed by combining a TD with 15 hours of required general education or can be a distinct curriculum unrelated to any pre-existing program of technical studies. If technical coursework required of the degree is intended for transfer to a four-year institution, this coursework must meet appropriate SACSCOC requirements.

Associate of Arts (AA)

An academic degree program with a significant general education core, designed primarily to serve as preparatory education for transfer to a related baccalaureate program. To assure maximum acceptance of credit, students should consult both a Nunez advisor and a representative of the institution to which they plan to transfer.

Associate of Science (AS)

An academic degree program with a significant general education core, designed primarily to serve as preparatory education for transfer to a related baccalaureate program. To assure maximum acceptance of credit, students should consult both a Nunez advisor and a representative of the institution to which they plan to transfer.

Associate (A)

An academic degree program with a significant general education core, designed to prepare students for immediate employment or career entry, but which also may serve as preparatory education for transfer to a related baccalaureate program. To assure maximum acceptance of credit, students should consult both a Nunez advisor and a representative of the institution to which they plan to transfer.

Louisiana Transfer Associate (AA/LT or AS/LT)

An Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree that follows a prescribed curriculum (providing both structure and flexibility) and assures transfer of the 60 hours in the degree plus credit for completion of the required general education block at any public university. To assure maximum acceptance of credit, students should consult both a Nunez advisor and a representative of the institution to which they plan to transfer.