

## DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

### PURPOSE

This policy specifies the minimum requirements for each degree program offered by the College.

### POLICY STATEMENT

The following minimum number of semester credit hours is required for a technical education program that leads to the Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Applied Business degrees:

1. Thirty (30) semester credit hours of non-technical studies to include fifteen (15) semester credit hours in general education studies:
  - a. Six (6) semester credit hours in English Composition and Oral Communication.
  - b. Three (3) semester credit hours in the Social and Behavioral Sciences.
  - c. Three (3) semester credit hours in the Arts and Humanities.
  - d. Three (3) semester credit hours in the Biological and Physical Sciences or Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic.
  - e. Zero to three (0-3) semester credit hours in computer literacy.
  - f. Fifteen (15) remaining non-technical credit hours in basic studies.
2. Thirty (30) semester credit hours in technical studies.
3. A total of a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours.

The following minimum number of semester credit hours is required for a technical education program that leads to the degree Associate of Technical Studies:

1. Thirty (30) semester credit hours in non-technical studies to include fifteen (15) semester credit hours in general education studies as described below.
2. Remaining non-technical semester credit hours in basic studies.
3. Thirty (30) combined semester credit hours in technical studies.
4. A total of a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours.

The following minimum number of semester credit hours is required for a transfer program that leads to the degree Associate of Arts:

1. General Education Core (thirty-six (36) semester credit hours)
  - a. Six (6) semester credit hours in communication arts to include a first-year English composition course and an oral communication course.
  - b. Three (3) semester credit hours in College level mathematics, statistics, and logic.
  - c. Nine (9) semester credit hours in the arts and humanities to include one course in introductory humanities.
  - d. Nine (9) semester credit hours in the social and behavioral sciences to include courses in two different content areas.
  - e. Six (6) semester credit hours in the biological and physical sciences which must contain a laboratory component.
  - f. Zero to three (0-3) semester credit hours in computer literacy.
2. Additional Requirements (twenty-four (24) semester credit hours)

- a. To ensure the added breadth in the liberal arts that is characteristic of the Associate of Arts degree, as well as the completion of the Ohio Transfer Module, an additional three (3) hours is required in the arts and humanities and three (3) hours in the social and behavioral sciences.
- b. One course from the arts and humanities or social and behavioral sciences must be a diversity course as designated in the catalog.
- c. An additional fifteen (15) semester credit hours of course work in the arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, other general education, and professional disciplines that replicate the first two years of specific majors and programs at four year institutions as specified in the College Transfer Guides and the College Catalog. This work will be compatible with the Ohio Transfer Module and with Transfer Assurance Guides approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.

3. A total of a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours will be required.

The following minimum number of semester credit hours is required for a transfer program that leads to the degree Associate of Science:

1. General Education Core (thirty-six (36) semester credit hours)
  - a. Six (6) semester credit hours in communication arts to include a first-year and second-year English composition course and an oral communication course.
  - b. Three (3) semester credit hours in College level mathematics, statistics, and logic.
  - c. Six (6) semester credit hours in the arts and humanities to include one course in introductory humanities.
  - d. Six (6) semester credit hours in the social and behavioral sciences to include courses in two different content areas.
  - e. Twelve (12) semester credit hours in the biological and physical sciences which must contain a laboratory component.
  - f. Zero to three (0-3) semester credit hours in computer literacy.
2. Additional Requirements (twenty-four (24) semester credit hours)
  - a. To ensure the added breadth in mathematics and the biological and physical sciences that is characteristic of the Associate of Science degree, as well as the completion of the Ohio Transfer Module, an additional six (6) semester hours is required from a combination of course work in the areas of mathematics and the biological and physical sciences.
  - b. One course from the arts and humanities or social and behavioral sciences must be a diversity course as designated in the catalog.
  - c. An additional fifteen (15) semester credit hours of course work in mathematics and the biological and physical sciences, other general education, and professional disciplines that replicate the first two years of specific majors and programs at four-year institutions as specified in the College Transfer Guides and the College Catalog. This work will be compatible with the Ohio Transfer Module and with Transfer Assurance Guides approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.
3. A total of a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours will be required.
  - a. Specific degree program requirements for each degree offered by the College, as approved by the Board of Trustees and Ohio Board of Regents, will be published in the College's catalog.

- b. An associate degree curriculum may be of four (4) or five (5) full-time semesters of generally fifteen (15) through eighteen (18) credits each. A student may take as many academic semesters to complete an associate degree program as meets his/her goals and meets the requirements of the program and this section.
- c. All degrees and degree programs offered will comply with requirements of outside agencies, such as the Ohio Board of Regents, accrediting bodies, etc.
- d. The President of the College shall establish procedures to administer this policy.

**PERSONS AFFECTED**

All Edison State Community College students.