

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT NWIC

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science Degree (BS)

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees require a minimum of 180 credits within the appropriate distribution areas and with specific courses in the program core. An internship is also a required part of the Bachelor of Science. Major declaration is required in order to enroll in junior and senior-level courses. Students can enter a bachelor's program at the beginning of their college studies or transfer into the program as a junior. Students who have completed an associate's degree at NWIC or other college are encouraged to transfer into the bachelor's program. Transfer students must request an evaluation of transfer credits from the Admissions Office for consideration of remaining requirements. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 in courses numbered 100 or above is required for completion of a bachelor's degree.

Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree (A.A.S.)

The Associate of Arts and Sciences (A.A.S) degree, commonly referred to as the "Direct Transfer Agreement (D.T.A.)," is designed primarily for students intending to transfer to a bachelor's program at NWIC or other college or university. The Associate of Arts and Sciences degree requires completion of a minimum of 90 credits in courses numbered 100 to 299 with specified general education requirements and is accepted as fulfillment of the general liberal arts requirements for transfer to NWIC bachelor's programs and by Washington State four-year institutions. A cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.00 in courses numbered 100 and above is required for completion of an A.A.S. degree. Students intending to transfer to a bachelor's program at another college should consult with an advisor since some colleges may have different degree requirements. Early contact with the admissions office at the transfer institution will help ensure that entrance requirements for specific majors are completed.

Associate of Science Transfer Degree (A.S.T.)

The Associate of Science Transfer (A.S.T.) degree is awarded for completion of programs directed at the professional and technical levels. Students must complete a minimum of 90 credits in courses 100 or above, with a specified number of credits completed in the science core. The A.S.T. is designed to meet prerequisites for entrance into a four-year college or university science program in Washington State. General education credits are reduced therefore transfer students may need to take general education requirements after transfer. Students are urged to consult with an advisor prior to the selection of courses to ensure that they meet the requirements of the college or university to which they plan to transfer. Early contact with the admissions officer of the transfer institution will help ensure that entrance requirements for specific majors are completed. Many of the courses are prerequisite to or specifically supportive of the technical degree programs. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 in courses numbered 100 to 299 is required for completion of the A.S.T. degree.

Associate of Applied Science - Transfer Degree (A.A.S.-T)

The Associate of Applied Science-Transfer (A.A.S.-T.) degree is built upon the technical courses required for job preparation and includes a college level general education component. The general education courses for the A.A.S.-T. degree are drawn from the list of associate degree courses generally accepted in transfer. The Associate of Applied Science-Transfer is a professional-technical degree with a core of general education courses commonly accepted in transfer. In general, professional-technical degrees are not designed for transfer to other colleges or universities, however several four-year colleges and universities have specific bachelor degree programs that accept the Associate in Applied Science-Transfer degree. A cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.00 in courses numbered 100 to 299 is required for completion of the A.A.S.-T. degree.

Associate of Technical Arts Degree (A.T.A.)

The Associate of Technical Arts (A.T.A.) degree represents a program of study designed for immediate application within an occupational field. This degree places early concentration on the skills and technical aspects of the student's chosen occupational field. Although the occupational degree program may contain courses transferable to other colleges, transferability of credits remains the sole prerogative of the college or university to which the student transfers. Students must complete a minimum of 90 credits including specified core and related instructional requirements. General education requirements vary, depending on the degree. A cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.00 in courses numbered 100 to 299 is required for completion of the A.T.A. degree.

Certificate

Certificate programs are designed to prepare students in general studies or entry into technical fields of employment. Most certificate programs can be completed in one year. Requirements for completion include a minimum of 45 credits with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.00 in courses numbered 100 to 299.

NWIC also offers Awards of Completion and training programs.