

ABOUT TRINIDAD STATE

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- **Associate of Science (AS)**

This degree is designed for students who wish to transfer into a bachelor's degree program, with junior standing, in one of the mathematical, biological, physical sciences, or one of the professional fields with such disciplines at its base.

- **Associate of Arts (AA)**

This degree is designed for students who wish to transfer into a bachelor's degree program, with junior standing, in the arts, humanities, social or behavioral sciences, or one of the professional fields with such disciplines as its base.

- **Associate of General Studies (AGS)**

The Associate of General Studies degree curriculum is designed for students who want to complete a broad program of both career/technical and academic transfer courses without the constraints of specialization, or for those students desiring a specific mix of career/technical and traditional academic transfer courses. Transferability of the Associate of General Studies degree depends upon the courses taken and the receiving institution. The Associate of General Studies degree program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of general education courses including 25 of these credit hours in prescribed general education courses. An additional 30 credit hours of electives, in Career and Technical Education courses or any other area of interest is required. This is an excellent degree completion option for certificate holders where no AAS is available.

- **Associate of Applied Science (AAS)**

This degree, with a specific occupational field, is designed to prepare individuals in skilled and/or paraprofessional occupations or to upgrade/enhance their employment. These degree programs are not intended for transfer to bachelor's degree programs; however, some AAS degrees and certain courses may be accepted toward a bachelor's degree at various institutions. Many Articulation Agreements exist between Trinidad State College and four year institutions. The required general education component for the Associate of Applied Science degree is a minimum of 15 credit hours.

- **Certificates**

Trinidad State offers numerous certificates, which are designed to prepare individuals to either enhance current employment skills or provide new ones. The common goal for all certificate programs is to prepare students for employment in specific occupations. Some programs consist of major courses as well as related general education courses. While many of these courses may transfer to a four-year College or university, the programs themselves do not have transferability as their primary goal. Students are encouraged to discuss career goals and educational objectives with an Advisor prior to enrollment. Some certificates require prerequisites and selective entry so it is important to read the catalog carefully to understand what is required.