

DCTC Policy 3.45 Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

Part 1. Policy Statement.

Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

Dakota County Technical College offers academic and technical programs and awards degrees, diplomas and certificates under the authority of the Board of Trustees for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. For specific information on academic programs at the College, please refer to the Dakota County Technical College Catalog.

Associate in Sciences Degree (A.S.)

The A.S. degree is awarded for successful completion of a program of 60-64 semester credits in a designated field or area, which transfers to a baccalaureate major in a related scientific or technical field. An Associate in Science degree must have one or more articulation agreement(s) between the institution awarding the Associate in Science degree and an institution awarding a related baccalaureate degree. An A.S. degree may also be designed to prepare students for employment. An Associate in Science program shall include a minimum of 30 semester credits in general education. An Associate in Science degree is designed to provide a substantial general education component. General education courses shall be selected from at least six of the ten goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)

The A.A.S. degree is awarded for successful completion of a program of 60-72 semester college-level credits and is intended for students who desire immediate employment upon graduation, or who plan to transfer to another institution of higher education. At Dakota County Technical College, the A.A.S. program shall include a minimum of 20 semester credits of liberal arts and sciences courses with at least 3 credits in each of the 4 categories of Communications, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematics/Natural Sciences. A majority of the liberal arts and sciences courses shall be prerequisite to, or specifically supportive of, occupational courses.

Diploma Programs

Diplomas are awarded for successful completion of 30-72 semester college-level credits that are intended for students who desire entry-level employment skills or upgraded employment skills. Students in diploma programs are required to complete technical courses as well as general education courses.

Certificate Programs

Certificates are awarded for successful completion of a short program consisting of 9-30 semester college-level credits. Certificates are awarded for successful completion of a program intended to provide students with entry-level employment skills or for successful completion of a program intended to enhance or raise a student's technical skills.

Part 2. Definitions. (if any, otherwise remove this section)

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Related Documents:

- DCTC Procedure <# - Name>
- State & Minnesota State Policies and Procedures
- Federal & State Laws and Regulations

Responsible Administrator: <Administrator's Title>

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