

Associate in Applied Science Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates

The programs in the following section are primarily designed for students who intend to enter the workforce upon graduation. Some two-year degree programs also have one-year diplomas, as well as certificates that require less than one year of full-time study. Certain programs are available at all campuses. Others are available only at certain campuses. General education requirements are offered at all Central Piedmont campuses.

Requirements

These degrees are awarded after completion of a minimum of 64 semester credit hours, or the number of credit hours specified by each area of study, including the required general education courses for that area.

A minimum of 21 credit hours must be earned at Central Piedmont. Official copies of high school and all other college/university transcripts must be on file in the Student Records office.

Associate in Applied Science Degrees are awarded in the following areas:

- Accounting and Finance
- Advertising and Graphic Design
- Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technology
- Architectural Technology
- Automotive Systems Technology
- Baking & Pastry Arts
- Biomedical Equipment Technology
- Broadcasting and Production Technology
- Business Administration
- Cardiovascular Technology
- Civil Engineering Technology
- Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Computer-Integrated Machining Technology
- Construction Management Technology
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Hygiene
- Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Emergency Medical Science
- Fire Protection Technology
- Geomatics Technology
- Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology
 - Flexography Concentration
- Horticulture Technology

- Hospitality Management
- Human Services Technology
 - Human Services Technology
 - Developmental Disabilities Concentration
 - Substance Abuse Concentration
- Information Technology
- Interior Design
- Interpreter Education
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Mechatronics Engineering Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Medical Office Administration
- Nondestructive Examination Technology
- Nursing, Associate Degree
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Office Administration
- Ophthalmic Medical Personnel
- Paralegal Technology
- Pharmacy Technology
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Polysomnography
- Respiratory Therapy
- Simulation and Game Development
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant
- Supply Chain Management
- Surgical Technology
- Sustainability Technologies
- Turfgrass Management Technology
- Welding Technology

Diplomas

Diplomas are awarded after completion of a minimum of 36 semester credit hours, or the number of credit hours specified by the specific program of study. For program completion, a minimum of 12 credit hours must be earned at Central Piedmont. Official copies of high school and all other college/university transcripts must be on file in the Student Records Office.

Diplomas are awarded in the following areas

- Automotive Systems Technology
- Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology
- Computer-Integrated Machining Technology
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology Diploma
- Hotel Management
- Medical Assisting
- Nuclear Plant Inspection
- Office Administration/General Clerical Skills
- Office Administration/Word Processing Operator
- Ophthalmic Medical Personnel
- Paralegal Technology
- Practical Nursing

- Residential Interior Decoration
- Residential Interior Decoration & Home Staging
- Restaurant Management
- Simulation & Game Development/Game Design
- Simulation & Game Design/Game Programming
- Simulation & Game Design/3D Modeling
- Simulation & Game Design/Animation
- Welding Technology

Certificates are awarded in the following areas:

- Basic Law Enforcement Training
- Cosmetology Instructor
- Cytotechnology
- Infant/Toddler Care
- Nurse Aide
- School-Age Care

Specialized Certificates

Special short-term certificates are offered in a number of programs. Courses in certificate programs are taken from diploma and degree programs and may be completed within 12 to 18 semester credit hours. A student may earn certificates that build to earning a diploma or degree. A student may earn a certificate(s) in the same semester that he or she earns a degree or diploma. To earn a certificate the following conditions must have been fulfilled:

1. Official copies of all high school and college transcripts must be on file in the student's record at Central Piedmont (when this is a certification requirement).
2. All required courses must be completed within the student's program of study.
3. The final thirty percent (30%) of credits earned must be from Central Piedmont.
4. A Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher must be earned within the certificate program.