

# Associate in Applied Science Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates

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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
- Basic Law Enforcement Training
- 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
- Cytotechnology
- Dental Assisting
- 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
- Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology

- Flexography Concentration
- Horticulture Technology
- Hospitality Management
- Human Services Technology
  - Human Services Technology
  - Developmental Disabilities Concentration
  - Addiction and Recovery Studies 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
- Public Safety Administration
- 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.