

College Curriculum Programs of Study

Central Piedmont has developed a variety of affordable, two-year degree, and distance learning programs that respond to the local workforce's immediate needs within the areas of science, technology, engineering, math, and many others.

Developmental Studies

Developmental studies are prerequisite and corequisite courses for students who require additional support in college-level English, reading, and mathematics courses. Consistent with the North Carolina Community College System's Reinforced Instruction for Student Excellence (RISE) framework, each developmental course has targeted learning objectives and instructional approaches designed to help students accomplish those objectives. Initial student placement in developmental courses is based on many student placement standards, including high school GPA. Students should begin developmental course work at the appropriate level, as indicated by Central Piedmont's placement standards and their academic program of study. Central Piedmont's developmental courses are designed to increase student success in gateway math and English courses and align learning experiences with students' career and university transfer goals.

Central Piedmont General Education Goals

Successful completion of general education foundation courses establishes competencies for students in the areas of:

- 1) communication,
- 2) critical thinking,
- 3) personal growth and cultural literacy, and
- 4) information technology and quantitative literacy.

College Transfer Programs

Transfer programs are for students interested in completing their general education requirements before transferring to a four-year institution. The programs offer courses comparable to the freshman and sophomore levels at four-year colleges and universities. Students can transfer a diploma or an associate degree to four-year colleges prepared with the background and skills necessary to succeed in further studies. Graduates possess college-level academic skills and have completed the general education core curriculum. More information is available through Academic Advising and Transfer Services.

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates

The college offers two-year Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree programs for students interested in completing a career-oriented program. Graduates of these programs develop marketable employment and college-level academic skills. In some cases, courses within the programs are transferable to colleges and universities.

The college also offers shorter-term diploma and certificate programs for students seeking other career goals such as updating job skills, career advancement, or re-entry into the workforce. In support of these programs, the college continues to form partnerships with businesses and industries.