

DEGREE AND CORE REQUIREMENTS

Associate of Arts (A.A.) (<https://creditcatalog.kirkwood.edu/degree-core-requirements/aa-as-degree-requirements/>)

Associate of Science (A.S.)

A.A. and A.S. degrees are generally considered "transfer level" degrees. Most students earning these degrees transfer to a four-year college or university and continue their studies. Requirements will differ between colleges, so students should work closely with their transfer institutions and Kirkwood advisors to choose classes that meet their needs.

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) (<https://creditcatalog.kirkwood.edu/degree-core-requirements/aas-degree-requirements/>)

Associate of Applied Arts (A.A.A.) (<https://creditcatalog.kirkwood.edu/degree-core-requirements/aaa-degree-requirements/>)

Students who earn A.A.A and A.A.S. degrees typically enter the workforce; however, some of these programs also have transfer agreements with four-year institutions. Students should work with an advisor to determine which degree program best suits their goals.

Diploma (<https://creditcatalog.kirkwood.edu/degree-core-requirements/diploma-requirements/>)

Certificate (<https://creditcatalog.kirkwood.edu/degree-core-requirements/certificate-requirements/>)

Diploma and certificate programs normally take nine to 12 months to complete and provide entry-level skills to begin a chosen career. Those in the workforce who already have two- or four-year degrees may also seek certificates to advance their careers. Diploma and certificate programs generally do not transfer, but it is best to check with an advisor.