

OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATE A55320

The Occupational Education Associate curriculum is designed for individuals skilled and experienced in a trade or technical specialty who would like to receive an associate degree in preparation for teaching or other purposes.

Course work is designed to supplement previous education, training, and/or experience the individual has already attained.

Graduates of the program may find employment as instructors in the field of occupational education.

Occupational Education Associate Associate in Applied Science Degree A55320 (Revised 2004*03) Course and Hour Requirements

Title	Hours Class	Lab	Work Exp.	Credits
I. General Education Courses: 15 Hours				
A. English: 6 Hours				
ENG 111 Expository Writing	3	0	0	3
ENG 112 Argument-Based Research	3	0	0	3
or				
ENG 113 Literature-Based Research	3	0	0	3
or				
ENG 114 Professional Research and Reporting	3	0	0	3
B. Social/Behavioral Sciences: 3 Hours				
PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	0	3
C. Humanities/Fine Arts: 3 Hours				
3 SHC Selected from the list of humanities and fine arts electives for the Associate in Applied Science Degree appearing in the college catalog.				
D. Math/Natural Sciences: 3 Hours				
MAT 161 College Algebra	3	0	0	3
II. Major Courses: 53 Hours				
1. Required Courses: 18 Hours				
EDU 175 Intro to Trade& Industrial Education	3	0	0	3
EDU 176 Occupational Analysis and Course Development	3	0	0	3
EDU 177 Instructional Methods	2	2	0	3
EDU 186 Reading & Writing Methods	3	0	0	3
EDU 271 Media Technology for Teachers	2	2	0	3
ISC 121 Envir Health & Safety	3	0	0	3
2. Required Subject Area (select one course from the following) 3 Hours:				
EDU 179 Vocational Student Organ.	3	0	0	3
EDU 240 Wk-Based Lrning Prac & Te	3	0	0	3
3. Other Major Courses: 32 Hours				
EDU 178 Facilities Organization and Planning	2	2	0	3
*Formal and Informal training and/or work experience within the specialty area(s): 29 Hours				
III. Other Required Courses: 7 Hours				
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
PSY 263 Educational Psychology	3	0	0	3
ACA 111 College Student Success	1	0	0	1
or				
ACA 115 Success and Study Skills	0	2	0	1
Total Credits				75

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*Specialty Training. Credit will be awarded based on educational and work experience. Credit will not be allowed for more than two fields of specialization. Credits up to 29 semester hours can be earned in the following manner:

- a. Sixteen (16) semester hours credit for full-time vocational-technical school (or equivalent) study which is equal to approximately three academic semesters or twelve (12) months duration in one specialty area. Acquisition of specialty skills will be recognized from such trade schools equivalent sources as armed forces schools, formal apprenticeship programs, and informal apprenticeship (on-the-job-training) programs. Completion of specialty training must be certified by either transcript, diploma, training records, personnel records, or letter. For informal apprenticeship programs, certification will be by letter from the individual who conducted and/or supervised the training. This letter should state the length of training, the type of training (specialty), and the degree of proficiency (advance apprentice, journeyman, etc.) attained. If the individual who conducted the training is deceased or cannot be located, a letter from the student's current or most recent employer, certifying his proficiency in the specialty area, will be accepted as evidence to support the informal apprenticeship training. Maximum credits: 16
- b. One semester hour credit per 90 hours of appropriate full-time trade instruction of approximately one academic semester (four months) but less than the equivalent of one-year duration. Training will be certified by either diploma, certificate, transcript, training record, personnel record, or letter. Maximum credits: 5
- c. One semester hour credit per 60 hours of short course instruction (company sponsored schools) or less than the equivalent of one academic semester. Instruction will be certified by either diploma, certificate, letter, transcript, personnel record, or training record. Maximum credits: 3
- d. Four semester hours credit for each full year of employment in a teaching situation where teaching is the primary responsibility. Maximum credits: 8
- e. One semester hour credit for each full year of employment in the specialty area. Maximum credits: 5
- f. Credits earned in appropriate associate degree or vocational level courses at accredited postsecondary institutions. Maximum credits: 12
- g. One (1) semester hour credit for each special qualification (licenses, etc.) in the specialty area. Credit will be awarded for those qualifications which require examinations, special types of training, or specific types and lengths of service. Attainment of special qualifications will be certified by either licenses, certificates, or official training and/or personnel records. Maximum credits: 2