Accounting
Cert, AAS, AS (Pre-Major) - Accounting

Art & Visual Communication
Cert, AS/AA (Pre-Major) - Art & Visual Communication
AAS – AVC Graphic Design Emphasis
AAS – AVC Design/Illustration Emphasis
AAS – AVC Photography Emphasis

Automotive Technologies
Cert, Dip, AAS, AS – Automotive Technology
Cert, Dip, AAS – Collision Repair Technology
Dip, AAS – Collision Repair Technology/Street Rod Emphasis
Cert, Dip, AAS – Diesel Mechanics Technology

Aviation Sciences
AAS, AS (Pre-Major) – Aviation Science

Business Management
Cert, AAS – Business Management
AS/ASB (Pre-Major) – Business

Computer Science
Cert – Programmer
AS (Pre-Major) – Computer Science
AAS – CS Computer Engineering Emphasis
AAS – CS Computer & Networking Sciences Emphasis

Construction Technologies
Cert, AAS – Construction Management
Cert, AAS – Building Inspection Technology
Cert, Dip, AAS, AS – Cabinery & Architectural Woodwork
AAS – Facilities Management

Criminal Justice
AA/AS (Pre-Major) – Criminal Justice
CP – Law Enforcement

Culinary Arts
AAS – Culinary Arts

Dental Hygiene
AAS – Dental Hygiene

Digital Media
CP – Digital Cinema
AAS – Digital Communication Technology

Early Childhood Education
Cert – Early Care & Education
AS (Pre-Major) – Early Childhood Education

Earth Science
Cert – Water & Wastewater Operations

Emergency Services
Cert – Paramedic
Cert – Firefighter Recruit Candidate
AS (Pre-Major) – Emergency Services
AAS – EMS Aviation Fire Officer Emphasis
AAS – EMS Firefighter/Emergency Care Emphasis
AAS – EMS Fire Officer Emphasis
CP – Aviation Fire Officer
AAS – Wildland Fire Management

Engineering Technologies
AAS, AS (Pre-Major) – Electrical Automation & Robotics
Technology (EART)
AAS – Mechatronics
AS (Pre-Major) – Pre-Engineering
APE – PE Biological & Chemical Engineering Emphasis
APE – PE Civil & Mechanical Engineering Emphasis
APE – PE Computer & Electrical Engineering Emphasis

Engineering Graphics & Design Technologies (EGDT)
AAS, AS – Drafting Technology
AS (Pre-Major) – Geomatics
CP – Architectural Design Technology
CP – Civil Design Technology
CP – Mechanical Design Technology
CP – Structural Design Technology

Hospitality Management
AAS, AS (Pre-Major) – Hospitality Management

Information Systems & Technology
CP – Information Technology
Cert – Network Administration
Cert – Administrative Support
AAS – Administrative Information Support
AS (Pre-Major) – Administrative Information Management
AAS, AS (Pre-Major) – Information Systems & Technology

Legal Studies
AAS, AS (Pre-Major) – Legal Studies

Nursing
ASN – Nursing

Technology Management
AAS – Technology Management

Theatrical Arts for Stage & Screen
AAS – Theatre for Children & Youth
AA/AS (Pre-Major) – Theatre Arts
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs: CTE programs shall go through the Regional Career and Technical Education Planning process, as implemented in the proposing institution’s region, which has the primary purposes of: (1) Planning CTE certificate and associate’s degree programs that are responsive to the needs of business/industry and the citizens of the region, and providing a transition for secondary students into postsecondary programs, and (2) avoiding unnecessary duplication of CTE certificate and degree programs among higher education institutions in a region.

Certificate of Proficiency (CP): A program of study earned in a year (less than 30 semester credit hours, or less than 900 clock hours) ending in a certificate issued under the authority of the institution. Certificates of proficiency may be entry-level or with industry experience and clear explanation of total time to completion may require prerequisites of related industry experience and/or previous course work or degree attainment.

Certificate of Completion (Cert): Programs of study typically one year in length (30-33 semester credit hours or 900-990 clock hours).

Diploma (Dip): Programs of study intended to prepare students for entry-level careers. A minimum of 50 credits is required in a specialty area. Some programs offering AAS degrees also offer diplomas.

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degrees: Programs of study intended to prepare students for entry-level careers. A minimum of 63 and a maximum of 69 credit hours are required.

Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) Degrees: Programs of study primarily intended to encourage exploration of academic options that provide a strong general education component, and prepare students for upper-division work in baccalaureate programs or prepare for employment. A minimum of 60 and a maximum of 63 credit hours, which include 30 to 39 credit hours of general education course work and other requirements as established by the USHE institutions, are required for completion of an associate’s degree.

Emphasis: A collection of courses within an Associate of Applied Science or Bachelor’s Degree that gives the student a specific focus in a particular sub-area related to the identifiable core of courses required for the degree.

Pre Major: The term “pre major” is used in two contexts: (1) as a descriptor of a set of courses that are part of the Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degrees designed to prepare students for upper-division majors’ work; and, (2) at four-year institutions not offering an AA or AS degree, the term “pre major” also applies to preparatory, lower-division courses required for acceptance into a major.

Program: As specified in R481-3.9.2., a "program" is a unit within the institution with an identifiable teaching, research, or other academic mission. For a unit to be designated as a "program," it shall have an identified group of faculty and shall fulfill one or more of these criteria: (1) has "program", "center", "institute", "laboratory", "department", "school", or "college" in its title or has otherwise been designated as a program; (2) offers or administers a degree, certificate, or some other credential; (3) has an identifiable curriculum or is formally described in current institutional catalogs or other publications; (4) has a separate budget as listed in official university documents.

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