

# SECTION 13

Associate in

General Education

(AGE)

Procedures

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### **ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL EDUCATION (A10300)**

The Associate in General Education (AGE) curriculum is designed for individuals wishing to broaden their education, with emphasis on personal interest, growth and development. The two-year General Education program provides students opportunities to study English, literature, fine arts, philosophy, social science, science and mathematics.

Many of the courses are equivalent to college transfer courses; however, the program is not principally designed for college transfer. Courses must be at the 110-199 or 210-299 level. Within the degree program, the college shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and the basic use of computers.

Diplomas and certificates are not allowed under this degree program.

Because of the unique nature of the AGE program, approval to offer this program may be granted by the System President. To gain approval, the college president should submit a request in writing to the System President.

*The AGE program must be comprised of courses from the college's approved programs of study. Therefore, colleges are not required to file programs of study for the AGE with the System Office for review or approval.*

References: Rule 23 NCAC 2E.0201(c) and Rule 23 NCAC 2E.0204(3)(e)

# CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term  
Fall 1997  
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Curriculum Program Title

**Associate in General Education**

Code

**A10300**

## ***Curriculum Description***

The Associate in General Education curriculum is designed for the academic enrichment of students who wish to broaden their education, with emphasis on personal interest, growth and development.

Course work includes study in the areas of humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, and English composition. Opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and the basic use of computers will be provided.

Through these skills, students will have a sound base for lifelong learning. Graduates are prepared for advancements within their field of interest and become better qualified for a wide range of employment opportunities.

*Certificates and diplomas are not allowed under this degree program.*

## **GENERAL EDUCATION (15 SHC)**

The associate in general education curriculum program shall include a minimum of 15 semester hours of credit from general education curriculum courses selected from the Combined Course Library, including six hours in communications, three hours in humanities/fine arts, three hours in social/behavioral sciences, and three hours in natural sciences or mathematics. Courses must be at the 110-199 or 210-299 level

## **OTHER MAJOR HOURS (49-50 SHC)**

Other major hours include additional general education and professional courses.

A maximum of 7 SHC in health, physical education, college orientation, and/or study skills may be included. Selected topics or seminar courses may be included in a program of study up to a maximum of three semester hours credit.

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT (SHC) IN PROGRAM: 64-65**