

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2009
[2009*03]

Curriculum Program Title

Occupational Education Associate

Code

A55320

Concentration

(not applicable)

Curriculum Description

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.

*Curriculum Requirements**

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204(3)]

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

[ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

Occupational Education Associate A55320

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE <i>Courses required for the diploma and certificate are designated with an *</i> Required Courses: * EDU 175 Intro to Trade and Industrial Education 3 SHC EDU 176 Occupational Analysis & Course Development 3 SHC * EDU 177 Instructional Methods 3 SHC * EDU 271 Educational Technology 3 SHC * ISC 121 Environmental Health and Safety 3 SHC * EDU 281 Instructional Strategies in Reading and Writing 3 SHC Required Subject Areas: *Education. Select one of the following: EDU 179 Vocational Student Organizations 3 SHC EDU 240 Work-Based Learning Practices & Techniques 3 SHC	21 SHC	18 SHC	18 SHC
B. CONCENTRATION (<i>Not applicable</i>)			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> Prefixes for major courses for curriculums approved to be offered by the college.			