**Curriculum Description**

The Marine Propulsion Systems curriculum is designed to provide training for mechanics through classroom instruction, laboratory experiments, and shop practices in the repair and maintenance of outboard motors, inboard engines, stern drives, and jet propulsion systems.

The course work includes the areas of outboards (introduction, midsection, and rigging), inboards (introduction, engine rebuilds, lower unit systems, transom assembly, and rigging), jet propulsion systems, and high-performance custom systems.

Graduates of the curriculum should qualify for employment opportunities as motorboat mechanics, motorboat mechanic helpers, motor board mechanics (inboard/outboard), and jet ski mechanics. Other employment can be found at marine boat sales and service firms, or they may establish their own service facility.

**Curriculum Requirements***
*[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.97 (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-based learning 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>AAS</th>
<th>Diploma</th>
<th>Certificate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minimum General Education Hours</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Major Hours</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Required Hours</td>
<td>0-7</td>
<td>0-4</td>
<td>0-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)</strong></td>
<td><strong>64-76</strong></td>
<td><strong>36-48</strong></td>
<td><strong>12-18</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*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. 1D SBCCC 400.97 (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-based learning 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.

### Marine Propulsion Systems (Diploma) D60220

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Minimum Major Hours Required</th>
<th>AAS</th>
<th>Diploma</th>
<th>Certificate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>A. CORE</strong></td>
<td>49 SHC</td>
<td>30 SHC</td>
<td>12 SHC</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Required Courses:**

- MPS 101 Introduction to Outboards 5 SHC
- MPS 102 Outboard Powerhead Systems 5 SHC
- MPS 103 Outboard Lower Unit Systems 5 SHC
- MPS 104 Outboard Midsection Rigging 5 SHC
- MPS 105 Introduction to Inboards 5 SHC
- MPS 106 Inboard Engine Rebuilds 5 SHC
- MPS 107 Inboard Lower Unit Systems 5 SHC
- MPS 108 Transom Assembly Rigging 5 SHC

**Required Subject Areas:**

None

**B. CONCENTRATION** *(Not applicable)*

**C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS**

*To be selected from the following prefixes:*

- BUS, CIS, CSC, ELC, MPS, PME, and WBL

*Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.*