

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Spring 2017
[2017*01]

Curriculum Program Title	Taxidermy (Diploma)	Program Code	D30380
Concentration	(not applicable)	CIP Code	01.0508

Curriculum Description

The Taxidermy curriculum is designed to develop skills while teaching preservation of birds, fish, game heads, and mammals. Related subjects are included for a better understanding of customer relations and natural habitat construction. Students are also versed in state/federal regulations.

Course work includes basic proper measuring, skinning, fleshing, preserving, form selection, and preparation. Students will learn basic mounting procedures and finishing and painting of selected specimens. Students will learn how to construct natural habitats and the artistic display of mounted items.

Opportunities exist for graduates to set up their own business. Job opportunities are found in conjunction with sports shops, game preserves, museums, art galleries, interior decorators, plus guides and outfitters. Graduates will qualify for North Carolina and Federal Taxidermy licenses.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

- 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.

	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

- 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.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE Required Courses: TXY 110 Bird Preparation 5 SHC TXY 112 Bird Quality Control&Mounting 5 SHC TXY 114 Bird Finishing 5 SHC TXY 121 Mammal Preparation 5 SHC TXY 122 Mammal Qual. Control&Mounting 5 SHC TXY 123 Mammal Finishing 5 SHC TXY 131 Fish Preparation 5 SHC TXY 133 Fish Finishing 5 SHC Required Subject Areas: None		40 SHC	
B. CONCENTRATION <i>(Not applicable)</i>			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> BUS, CIS, CSC, ENG, MAT, PCR, PSY, TXY, and WBL <i>Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.</i> <i>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.</i>			