

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Curriculum Standard Revisions as Approved by the System President

Information: The System President, through delegated authority to the System President, has approved the following curriculum standard revisions:

Occupational Education Associate (A55320)

Background: 1D SBCCC 400.9 (b) states:

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- (2) Be in alignment with criteria outlined in 1D SBCCC 400.10(e).*
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Contact(s):

Dr. Mary Olvera
Program Administrator

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Curriculum Program: Occupational Education Associate (A55320)

Proposed Revisions: The submitting college requests the following revisions:

- Remove “EDU 175 Intro to Trade and Industrial Education” from the core course requirement.
- Remove “Required Subject Area” containing the two courses, “EDU 179 Vocational Student Organizations” and “EDU 240 Work-Based Learning Practices & Techniques” from the core course requirement.

Rationale of Requesting College: The Occupational Education Associate (A55320) curriculum is designed for individuals who have skills and experience in a trade or technical specialty that would like to pursue a career in teaching in their field. The NC Department of Instruction (NC DPI) determines which courses they will accept to satisfy competencies required for an individual to qualify for a CTE licensure pathway. NC DPI has changed the required coursework to be accepted for this track of licensure. As a result of this change, EDU 175 Intro to Trade and Industrial Education is no longer an acceptable course. In addition, EDU 179 Vocational Student Organizations has been removed as a required course but remains an allowable course under specific CTE licensure areas. The college is requesting to change the core courses in the curriculum standard to align with NC DPI’s new requirements for CTE teaching licensure.

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CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2009
[2009 2023*03]

Curriculum Program Title	Occupational Education Associate	Program Code	A55320
Concentration	(not applicable)	CIP Code	13.1320

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 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

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.

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 15 SHC	18 15 SHC	18 15 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.			