

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Section Nine

A. PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND AWARDS

The College offers the following instructional programs and services in keeping with its philosophy and purpose.

1. **Transfer Programs.** Two-Year Associate of Arts (A.A.) Degree in the core curriculum and Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree in the core curriculum are offered. The guided pathways provided in the catalog should only be used as advising guides for future study at a four year transfer institution. Students should consult with an advisor and the transfer institution for specific degree requirements.

(a) College Transfer Program - Freshman and sophomore courses are offered for most bachelor degree objectives for students who intend to transfer after two years to a senior institution. Students in transfer Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree programs follow a Core Curriculum established by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The core curriculum is designed to facilitate the transfer of credit among the schools within the University System.

(b) General Studies - If students are undecided as to their guided pathway, or guided pathway is not otherwise listed, but a transfer to a baccalaureate degree program is desired, they are advised to follow this guided pathway. Students interested in social science or humanities pathways may also choose to pursue a guided pathway in liberal arts.

2. **Career Programs.** The two-year Associate of Science Degree is offered in programs, which require two years of specialized training in a Health Sciences career. These include Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology, Histologic Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Respiratory Care and Radiologic Science.

The two-year Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree is offered in programs which require two years of specialized training in a career or occupational specialty and are designed to prepare students for immediate employment.

Programs shall include a minimum of 21 semester credit hours of general education. This coursework must include components designed to develop oral and written communication, reading computational skills, fundamental mathematics skills and the basic use of computers. At least one course from each of the following areas is required: the humanities/fine arts, the social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics.

3. **Certificate Programs.** The College is authorized to award certificates for completion of the following one-year programs: Addiction Counseling, Business Computer Systems, Church Music, Emergency Medical Technician and Service, Graphic Design, Histotechnician, Instructional Technology, Medical Coding, Legal Assistant/Paralegal and Phlebotomy.
4. **Learning Support Program.** Those students who have scores below specified levels on the COMPASS test (below 60 - English, below 74 - Reading, 37 (or 47 dependent upon the major) - Algebra) or comparable College Placement Examination scores are placed in courses to remediate their basic skills deficiencies. Enrolled students must attain specified skill levels in reading, writing, and computation before pursuing college level work in the basic skills areas. ([See Learning Support Requirements.](#))