

HEALTH SCIENCES, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

The Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree in Health Science is designed for students already working in the healthcare field as paraprofessionals who wish to enhance their educational credentials. They will receive up to 19 college credits for their previous postsecondary training and experience. The evaluation of previous training and experience will be conducted by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences and will be based upon review of transcript(s) from previous educational program(s) and work experience documented in a comprehensive portfolio. Students will complete the remaining credits as outlined to earn the A.A.S. degree.

Transfer Information

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees are intended to prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce. The NJ Statewide Transfer Agreement does not guarantee the transfer of credit/coursework when a student earns an AAS degree and continues on to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>).

Career Information

The Associate of Applied Science Degrees are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to start employment upon graduation. Several of the A.A.S. degrees provide the opportunity for the student to gain work experience by offering internship credit. These degrees are usually technical in nature and prepare the student for certification and licensing exams necessary to work in their field of choice. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC, to help students explore degree programs and corresponding careers <https://ocean.emsicc.com/>

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Program Requirements

First Semester	Credit Hours
ENGL 151 English I	3.00000
AHMT 110 - Medical Terminology	3
Mathematics Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#math)	3
Any Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#general-education)	3
STSC 150 Student Success Seminar	2.00000
Credit Hours	14
Second Semester	
ENGL 152 English II	3.00000
PHIL 192 Contemporary Ethical Issues	3.00000

PSYC 172 General Psychology	3.00000
Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#tech)	3
Any Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#general-education)	3
Credit Hours	15
Third Semester	
COMM 154 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3.00000
SOCI 181 Introduction to Sociology	3.00000
BIOL 114 Principles of Biological Science	4.00000
or BIOL 119 or Science and the Human Body	
or BIOL 130 or Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
Any Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#general-education)	2
Credit Hours	12
Fourth Semester	
AHLT 893 - Health Science Professional Experience ¹	19
Credit Hours	19
Total Credit Hours	60

¹ Students are awarded up to 19 credits for completing an articulated CPE program and/or demonstrating professional certification, licensure, or experience, as approved by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, based upon review of transcript(s) from previous educational program(s) and work experience documented in a comprehensive portfolio. If awarded less than 19 credits, the student needs to complete additional HEHP, HHAW, BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, or ENVI courses to make up the difference.