



2023-2024 Academic Year

Professional Studies

Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)

**Business, Technology, and
Professional Studies Division**

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The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJLWD) recognizes that, by 2025, the U.S. will have a 23 million shortfall of qualified workers for high-quality employment. The NJLWD also recognizes Industry Valued Credentials as significant prior learning to support working adults.

The A.A.S. degree in **Professional Studies** provides students who have professional certification, licensing, and work experience with a foundation of general, business, and career education. This program affords working professionals the opportunity to leverage certification, licensure, and work experience into college credit. The opportunity to earn college credit is based on Industry Valued Credentials as outlined by the NJLWD.

This degree is also a steppingstone for working professionals looking to earn a bachelor's degree as well as a bridge for students currently holding a degree who are looking to switch careers. Thomas Edison State University accepts transfer to its B.A. in Liberal Studies and B.S. in Technical Studies.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Compete effectively in a technology-based global economy;
- Demonstrate the necessary skills to be more productive in their chosen profession and career;
- Demonstrate competence in a broad array of intellectual and communications skills with information and habits of mind that enrich their lives and enable them to participate more fully in a democratic society.

DEGREE CURRICULUM

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The course sequence below represents a recommended example of how this degree program can be completed in two years, presuming a Fall Term start and satisfaction of all Developmental Studies (foundation courses) requirements and prerequisites. Actual approaches toward completion depend on each student's anticipated transfer institution, career objectives, or other individual circumstances.

Students are encouraged to meet regularly with an academic advisor or Success Coach to consider options, establish plans, and monitor progress.

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
<u>CSW 100</u>	College Success and Personal Wellness (2/0)	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some exemptions apply. Consult academic advisor for details. 	
<u>ENG 101</u>	English Composition I (3/0)	3
<u>ENG 112</u>	English Composition II with Speech (3/0)	
	<i>OR</i>	3
<u>ENG 102</u>	English Composition II (3/0)	
<u>IST 101</u>	Computer Concepts with Applications (2/2)	
	<i>OR</i>	3
<u>IST 102</u>	Computer Concepts with Programming (2/2)	
<u>MAT</u> —	Mathematics elective	3
— —	<u>Humanities general education elective</u>	3
— —	<u>Science OR Technology general education elective</u>	3
— —	<u>Social Science general education elective</u>	3
— —	<u>Social Science or Humanities general education elective</u>	3
	Credits Subtotal:	26

Students meet with an advisor to select an area of concentration from among all of MCCC's technically-oriented A.A.S. degree programs. A faculty advisor for the selected concentration will develop a plan of study with each student.

- 25 credits must be earned as block credits in Technical Studies for certified apprenticeship training programs in the building and construction trades.
- 9 additional credits selected in technical or career areas.

Credits Subtotal: 34

60