associate in general education program degree

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Central Piedmont Community College

General Education Goals for AGE Degree (A10300)

This program is designed for students who want to take courses to meet a special personal or vocational objective. Students who intend to transfer to another college should seek the AA, AS, or AFA degrees. Students who are interested in a complete career-oriented program should seek an AAS degree.

Degree Awarded

The Associate in General Education Degree is awarded by the College upon completion of 64-65 semester hours.

• If a student has earned another CPCC degree, a second degree will be awarded based on transcript evaluation. The student seeking a second degree must submit an application to the CPCC graduation office.

• Completion of a minimum of 21 semester credit hours earned at CPCC, 12 of which must be the final credit hours prior to graduation.

For more information

For more information, contact the Program Counselor at (704) 330-6954, weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admissions

Official copies of high school and all other college/university transcripts must be on file in the Student Records Office.

CPCC General Education Goals

Through its general education program, Central Piedmont seeks to provide a high quality of education for its students and to ensure that graduates have the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to function effectively in their personal and professional lives.

Central Piedmont Community College defines general education as acquiring and integrating the general knowledge, intellectual skills, attitudes, and experiences needed by an individual to achieve a level of competency appropriate for a two-year college graduate, preparing for advanced work and lifelong learning, and functioning more fully as a person and as a member of society.

The following goals identify the essence of a general education. Although some competencies may be achieved primarily through successful completion of particular courses, students should have the opportunity to develop and use many of these skills throughout their programs.

I. Reading

Students will demonstrate the ability to obtain meaning from printed, electronic, and graphical resources.

II. Communication

Students will effectively communicate both orally and in writing. Students will demonstrate the ability to locate, critically evaluate, and present information.

III. Mathematics

Students will apply mathematical concepts and skills to analyze, manipulate, and interpret quantitative data.

IV. Computer Skills

Students will demonstrate the basic computer skills necessary to function in a technological world.

V. Critical Thinking / Problem Solving

Students will demonstrate an understanding of solving problems by recognizing the problem; reviewing information about the problem; developing plausible solutions; and evaluating results.

VI. Cultural Awareness

Students will demonstrate knowledge of cultural similarities and differences.

VII. Social / Behavioral Sciences

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the influence of the individual on group behavior and conversely, the influence of the group on the individual.

VIII. Natural Sciences

Students will demonstrate comprehension of the major steps of the scientific method.

IX. Humanities / Fine Arts

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the humanities and critical skills in assessing cultural/artistic merit and significance.

X. Health / Physical Education

Students will demonstrate knowledge and/or skills of health and physical education.

I. General Education Goals - Course Requirements

GoAL II. Communications

Students must successfully complete two ENG courses and one COM course from the following:

ENG 111 Expository Writing
ENG 112 Argument-Based Research
ENG 113 Literature-Based Research
ENG 114 Professional Research and Reporting

COM 110 Introduction to Communications
COM 120 Interpersonal Communications
COM 231 Public Speaking

Goals III and VIII. Natural Science/Mathematical Skills

Students must successfully complete one science course numbered 110 or higher from the following prefixes:

AST, BIO, CHM, GEL, GEO, PHS, PHY

Students must successfully complete one Math course (MAT) numbered 115 or higher.

GoAL IV. Computer Skills

Students must successfully complete one computer course (CIS or CSC) numbered 110 or higher or any computer-based course approved by the Dean of South Campus, Business, Inter-
national, and General Studies; or a student may demonstrate basic computer competencies through other course work or testing. The Division Directors of Information Technologies will determine equivalent competency.

**Goal V. CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING**

Critical thinking and problem solving are incorporated throughout the curriculum at Central Piedmont Community College.

**Goal VI. CULTURAL AWARENESS**

International awareness is incorporated throughout the curriculum at Central Piedmont Community College.

**Goal VII. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

Students must successfully complete one course numbered 110 or higher from the following prefixes:

- ANT, ECO, GEO, HIS, POL, PSY, SOC

**Goal IX. HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS**

Students must successfully complete one humanities/fine arts course 110 or higher from the following prefixes:

- ASL, ART, DAN, DRA, FRE, GER, SPA, HUM, ENG (125 or higher), MUS, PHI

**Goal X. HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Students must successfully complete at least 2 semester hours credit in Physical Education (PED) or Health Education (HEA).

**II. ELECTIVES**

Students must complete the 64 SHC requirement with electives chosen from 110 or higher level courses. A maximum of 7 SHC in health, physical education, college orientation and/or study skills may be included as other required hours.

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

*Cooperative Education*

When approved by the Faculty Co-op Coordinator, a maximum of 4 Cooperative Education work experience credits may be counted toward the degree.

*Educational and Career Planning*

Educational and career counseling are available to all students at CPCC through Counseling and Advisement Services. Students who desire more extensive educational and occupational planning may take either or both of these courses as electives:

- ACA 118 College Study Skills
- ACA 120 Career Assessment