

3357:13-14-10 Associate of Technical Studies Policy

- (A) The Associate of Technical Studies is awarded for successful completion of a minimum of sixty semester (or ninety quarter) credit hours of an individually planned technical education program designed to respond to needs for specialized technical education not currently available in the formal degree programs available on a particular campus. As with all technical associate degree programs, the program leading to an Associate of Technical Studies must have an area of concentration which is equivalent to thirty semester (or forty-five quarter) credit hours in technical studies and be clearly identifiable with a career objective.
- (B) The area of concentration can be formed either by:
- (1) Type A: A coherent combination of technical courses selectively drawn from two or more technical programs currently offered by the awarding institution to serve a career objective which would not be adequately addressed by one of those existing programs; or
 - (2) Type B: Courses completed or training received by a student at other institutions of higher education, vocational centers, or other educational enterprises judged by the institution to be of college level and for which the institution awards degree credit, to a maximum of thirty semester (or forty-five quarter) credit hours, prior to the declaration of candidacy for the degree.
 - (3) For additional information on One Year Option see the [ATS website](#).
- (C) The actual degree awarded must contain the name of the student's area of concentration, e.g., Associate of Technical Studies in Human Services Technology. Extensive individualized academic advisement may be necessary for the planning of such programs, and each candidate for this degree must complete an Associate of Technical Study application which identifies the area of concentration and designates courses to be taken to complete the degree. Such a plan will generally be completed prior to the student's having earned forty semester (or sixty quarter) credit hours at the awarding institution. Plans submitted after forty or more semester (or sixty quarter) credit hours are completed must be approved by the Chief Academic Officer.

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