

## COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAMS

### **Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.)**

Associate degrees are offered in the arts (A.A.), science (A.S.), and fine arts (A.F.A.) for students who aspire to transfer to a four-year college or university. The 64/65 semester credit hours of course work leading to these degrees is designed to parallel the freshman and sophomore years of study at four-year colleges and universities.

In the process of successfully completing a college transfer program, the college transfer student will have demonstrated the ability to:

1. communicate effectively in written and oral English.
2. demonstrate basic quantitative skills appropriate to their chosen fields of study;
3. analyze and solve problems and make logical conclusions.
4. demonstrate information literacy.
5. apply basic computer skills; and
6. demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultural and historical perspectives.

The Associate in Arts Degree is for students desiring to pursue liberal arts and pre-professional programs in areas other than the fine arts and the sciences. Approved pre-majors under the Associate in Arts Degree include: art education, business administration, business education and marketing education, communication, criminal justice, elementary education, English, English education, history, middle grades education and special education, nursing, physical education, political science, psychology, social science secondary education, social work, and sociology.

The Associate in Science Degree is for students desiring to enter science and/or math related fields. Approved pre-majors under the Associate in Science Degree include: biology and biology education, engineering, and mathematics.

The associate in arts and science programs are part of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) which addresses the transfer of students between institutions in the North Carolina Community College System and the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina. The CAA enables North Carolina community college graduates of two-year associate in arts and science degree programs who are admitted to constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina to transfer with junior status. *The CAA does not guarantee admission to a university; admission to a university does not constitute admission to a professional school or a specific program.*

The Associate in Fine Arts Degree is for students desiring to pursue studies in drama, music, or visual arts. Approved pre-majors under the Associate in Fine Arts include: drama, music and music education, and visual arts. Upon admission to another public two-year institution or to a public university, a community college student who was enrolled in an associate in fine arts degree program and who satisfactorily completed with a grade of "C" or better in all courses that are designated for college transfer (general education, elective, or pre-major) will receive credit for those courses. The receiving institution will determine whether the course will count as general education, major, or elective credit. Each degree program has additional requirements for course work in liberal arts, fine arts, and sciences.