

# Academic Programs

HCC offers the following academic programs:

## **University Transfer Program Associate in Arts (AA)**

This program offers the first two years of a traditional four-year program leading to the bachelor's degree. Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded an associate in arts degree and may transfer as juniors to state four-year colleges and universities and to private institutions.

## **Technical Programs Associate in Science (AS) and Associate in Applied Science (AAS)**

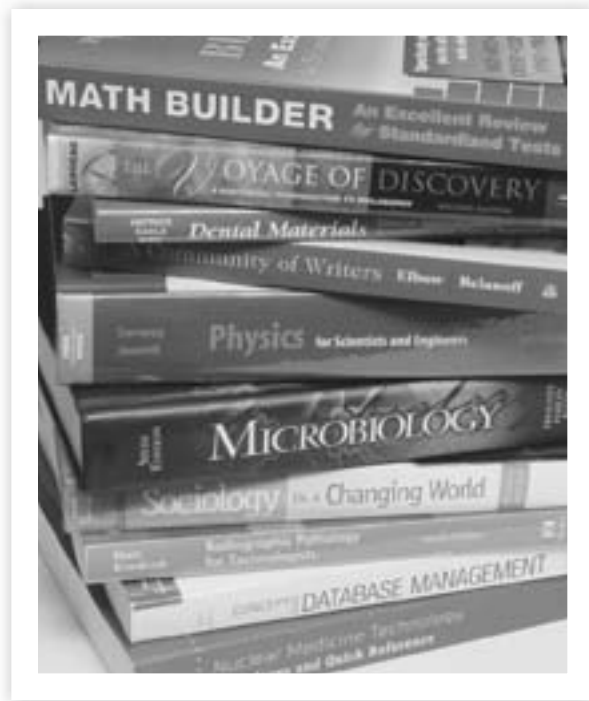
A broad range of technical programs is available for students who plan to pursue technical careers or careers as paraprofessionals. Associate in science degrees are awarded to students who successfully complete these programs.

Some associate in science degrees are transferable to individual four-year institutions through articulation agreements. AAS degrees are terminal degrees providing entry-level job skills and are not transferable to four-year institutions.

**Advanced Technical Certificates (ATC)** are advanced specialized programs of studies for people with degrees in selected technical programs. Students must have earned an AS degree in order to qualify for the ATC.

**College Credit Certificates (CCC)** are offered for those who seek to learn new skills or to refresh or upgrade their present skills.

**Applied Technology Diplomas (ATD)** are awarded at either the college credit level or vocational credit level depending on the programs. The college credit ATD is an integral part of the AS or AAS degree.



## **Postsecondary Adult Vocational (PSAV)**

The postsecondary adult vocational certificate is a non-college credit job preparatory program.

## **Continuing Education**

Short courses, seminars, workshops and other academic activities are available for adults who have specific training needs, such as computer programming, but are not seeking a degree. Some courses are designed to prepare students for licensure or to recertify students in fields such as insurance and real estate.

In addition, special interest and leisure classes are offered in such areas as arts and crafts, business and finance, and childbirth and parenting. Some continuing education classes award Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The CEU is a nationally recognized standard of measurement earned for participation in qualified programs. One unit is awarded for every 10 hours of instruction. HCC maintains continuing education records and will forward copies of those records to persons authorized by the students.