

## Section 5

# Degrees & Awards

*This section can be used for finding:*

- *the number of degrees and certificates awarded annually since ACC began.*
- *the number of degrees and certificates awarded by program area over the past five years.*
- *the number of students who successfully completed ACC's core curriculum.*

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### Useful Terms

**Associate of Applied Science (AAS)** - degree awarded to students who successfully complete the prescribed courses in any of the occupational-technical programs.

**Associate of Arts (AA)** - degree awarded to students who complete at least 60 semester credit hours that include 6 hours of English, 6 hours of American government, 6 hours of US history, 8 hours of a single foreign language, and the prescribed courses listed in one of the areas of concentration.

**Associate of Science (AS)** - degree awarded to students who complete at least 60 semester credit hours that include 6 hours of English, 6 hours of American government, 6 hours of US history, 6-8 hours of science, and the prescribed courses listed in one of the areas of concentration.

**Certificate** - awarded to students who complete one of the approved certificate programs.

**Core Curriculum** - set of general education courses consisting of 42 hours in English, communications, mathematics, natural science, humanities, visual and performing arts, government, history, and an additional social and behavioral science.

## **Degrees & Awards Summary**

- The number of credit degrees and certificates awarded in academic year 2003 was 1,279, an all-time high at Austin Community College.
- Of the 124 Associate of Arts (AA) degrees awarded in academic year 2003, three programs accounted for over half of all degrees awarded: General Studies (28 AA degrees awarded), Foreign Language (27 AA degrees awarded), and Psychology (12 AA degrees awarded).
- Of the 142 Associate of Science (AS) degrees awarded in academic year 2003, 61% were in Business Administration (87 AS degrees awarded).
- The three programs that awarded the most Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees were awarded in academic year 2003 were: Nursing (92 AAS degrees awarded), Electronics (58 AAS degrees awarded), and Computer Information Technology (56 AAS degrees awarded).
- The three programs that awarded the most College Credit Certificates were awarded in academic year 2003 were: Vocational Nursing (55 Certificates awarded), Fire Protection Technology (47 Certificates awarded), and Electronics (38 Certificates awarded).

**Credit Degrees and Certificates Awarded  
Academic Years 1974 - 2003**

<b>Year</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>AS</b>	<b>AAS</b>	<b>CERT*</b>	<b>Total Awards</b>
1973-74	3	2	10	0	15
1974-75	4	28	51	5	88
1975-76	31	34	108	13	186
1976-77	63	60	152	37	312
1977-78	108	69	230	66	473
1978-79	139	89	267	54	549
1979-80	144	87	238	89	558
1980-81	152	88	242	110	592
1981-82	127	109	254	93	583
1982-83	115	90	282	109	596
1983-84	141	134	306	166	747
1984-85	134	111	358	136	739
1985-86	126	97	357	103	683
1986-87	116	125	335	208	784
1987-88	112	51	438	198	799
1988-89	135	129	369	169	802
1989-90	87	155	445	186	873
1990-91	93	84	452	271	900
1991-92	101	163	388	203	855
1992-93	114	178	424	162	878
1993-94	117	184	445	393	1,139
1994-95	120	159	494	395	1,168
1995-96	145	175	495	257	1,072
1996-97	146	202	537	220	1,105
1997-98	139	190	529	232	1,090
1998-99	125	170	524	301	1,120
1999-00	118	150	519	308	1,095
2000-01	102	149	540	331	1,122
2001-02	133	141	537	410	1,221
2002-03	124	142	533	479	1,279
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>3,545</b>	<b>10,859</b>	<b>5,704</b>	<b>23,422</b>

\* Includes Blocktime Certificates through Academic Year 1998.

Source: Office of Admissions and Records

**Associate Degrees Awarded by Program  
Academic Years 1999 - 2003**

**Associate of Arts (AA)**

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Anthropology	3	2	10	8	5
Art	4	3	9	8	9
Communications <sup>1</sup>	26	24	15	12	5
Creative Writing	0	0	0	1	1
Dance	1	2	3	0	0
Drama	3	0	0	0	1
Economics	1	1	1	0	1
English <sup>1</sup>	-	-	0	6	6
Foreign Language	17	23	15	17	27
General Studies	36	28	23	37	28
Geography	0	1	0	0	1
Government	2	2	5	3	3
History	2	8	1	5	5
Journalism <sup>1</sup>	-	-	0	0	5
Music	1	2	1	4	1
Psychology	14	7	9	13	12
Radio-Television-Film	8	9	8	13	6
Social Work	6	5	2	3	5
Sociology	1	1	0	2	1
Speech <sup>1</sup>	-	-	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>124</b>

<sup>1</sup> English, Journalism, and Speech were available only as an area of concentration under Communications Associate of Arts degree prior to academic year 2001.

NOTE: A dash ( - ) indicates that the Associate of Arts degree was not offered.

Source: Office of Admissions and Records

**Associate Degrees Awarded by Program  
Academic Years 1999 - 2003**

**Associate of Science (AS)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
<b>Biology</b>	8	2	6	0	2
<b>Business Administration</b>	99	100	96	84	87
<b>Chemistry</b>	6	1	1	0	1
<b>Computer Science</b>	15	14	14	22	14
<b>Engineering</b>	18	13	12	8	15
<b>General Studies - Science</b>	-	0	1	7	2
<b>Geology</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Health</b>	1	3	2	1	1
<b>Kinesiology</b>	-	-	0	3	3
<b>Mathematics</b>	5	5	8	9	8
<b>Physical Science</b>	13	7	4	3	5
<b>Physics</b>	0	1	3	1	1
<b>Pre-Dental/Pre-Medical/Pre- Pharmacy/Pre-Veterinarian</b>	5	4	2	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>142</b>

NOTE: A dash ( - ) indicates that the Associate of Science degree was not offered.

Source: Office of Admissions and Records

**Associate Degrees Awarded by Program  
Academic Years 1999 - 2003**

**Associate of Applied Science (AAS)**

	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
<b>Accounting</b>	14	9	11	7	7
<b>Automotive Diesel Technology</b>	1	0	-	-	-
<b>Automotive Technology</b>	3	2	1	6	10
<b>Biotechnology</b>	-	0	0	6	9
<b>Building Construction Tech.</b>	8	2	4	5	5
<b>Child Development</b>	6	10	6	8	12
<b>Commercial Music Mgmt.</b>	11	8	7	9	9
<b>Computer Information Technology</b>	28	29	57	60	56
<b>Criminal Justice</b>	34	41	44	36	36
<b>Culinary Arts</b>	0	0	1	2	4
<b>Radiology<sup>1</sup></b>	21	16	26	21	20
<b>Diagnostic Medical Sonography</b>	-	-	0	3	5
<b>Digital Publishing &amp; Graphics Technology<sup>2</sup></b>	4	1	2	4	6
<b>Electronics</b>	86	67	49	57	58
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	5	15	19	9	15
<b>Engineering Design Graphics</b>	34	41	33	40	44
<b>Fashion Merchandising</b>	2	2	3	2	0
<b>Financial Management</b>	2	3	0	3	1
<b>Fire Protection Technology</b>	3	7	8	6	6
<b>Geomatics/Land Surveying Technology</b>	5	2	3	2	3

<sup>1</sup> Listed as Diagnostic Medical Imaging prior to Academic Year 2004.

<sup>2</sup> Listed as Printing & Desktop Publishing prior to Academic Year 2001.

NOTE: A dash ( - ) indicates that the Associate of Applied Science degree was not offered.

**Source:** Office of Admissions and Records

**Associate Degrees Awarded by Program  
Academic Years 1999 - 2003**

**Associate of Applied Science (AAS) (continued)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Technology <sup>1</sup>	4	7	4	4	5
Hospitality Management	2	1	0	5	5
Human Services	24	13	20	19	11
Information & Records Mgmt.	3	1	1	-	-
Legal Assistant	14	16	12	14	12
Management <sup>2</sup>	27	16	21	13	15
Marketing	1	4	2	5	8
Medical Laboratory Technology	7	8	6	5	3
Nursing	80	104	93	105	92
Occupational Therapy Asst.	16	13	12	7	7
Office Administration	5	2	7	4	0
Photographic Technology	12	7	13	5	4
Physical Fitness Technology	0	2	2	0	0
Physical Therapist Assistant	18	17	20	12	12
Quality Assurance	2	3	1	0	1
Real Estate	0	3	2	3	2
Surgical Technology	13	8	9	11	12
Technical Communications	1	3	1	4	5
Visual Communication Design <sup>3</sup>	25	29	30	33	30
Welding Technology	3	7	10	2	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>533</b>

<sup>1</sup> Listed as Air Conditioning & Refrigeration prior to Academic Year 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Listed as Business Management & Mid-Management prior to Academic Year 1999.

<sup>3</sup> Listed as Commercial Art prior to Academic Year 2000.

NOTE: A dash ( - ) indicates that the Associate of Applied Science degree was not offered.

Source: Office of Admissions and Records

**College Credit Certificate Recipients  
Academic Years 1999 - 2003**

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
<b>Accounting</b>	0	0	0	2	4
<b>Automotive Diesel Technology</b>	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Automotive Technology &amp; Outdoor Powered Equipment</b>	5	2	3	2	37
<b>Biotechnology</b>	-	-	2	2	0
<b>Building Construction Technology</b>	3	1	2	2	1
<b>Child Development</b>	5	2	15	11	15
<b>Computer Information Technology</b>	-	-	16	43	33
<b>Criminal Justice</b>	28	18	14	16	23
<b>Culinary Arts</b>	0	1	1	3	4
<b>Radiology</b>	-	-	0	0	0
<b>Diagnostic Medical / Imaging - Sonography</b>	8	10	0	17	7
<b>Digital Publishing &amp; Graphics Technology<sup>1</sup></b>	13	10	20	11	16
<b>Electronics</b>	41	33	26	32	38
<b>Emergency Medical Services Technology</b>	-	-	8	20	20
<b>Engineering Design Graphics</b>	23	27	36	31	28
<b>Fashion Merchandising</b>	3	2	1	1	2
<b>Financial Management</b>	2	2	0	2	6
<b>Fire Protection Technology</b>	51	44	55	51	47
<b>Geomatics/Land Survey Technology</b>	0	0	2	0	2

<sup>1</sup> Listed as Printing & Desktop Publishing prior to Academic Year 2001.

NOTES: A dash ( - ) indicates that the certificate was not offered.

Source: Office of Admissions and Records

**College Credit Certificate Recipients  
Academic Years 1999 - 2003 (continued)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
<b>Heating, Air Conditioning, &amp; Refrigeration Technology<sup>1</sup></b>	4	2	11	5	11
<b>Hospitality Management</b>	5	1	10	1	13
<b>Human Services</b>	5	5	7	9	3
<b>Information &amp; Records Management</b>	2	0	-	-	0
<b>International Business</b>	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Legal Assistant Management</b>	20	12	9	26	14
<b>Marketing</b>	1	3	2	7	6
<b>Medical Coding</b>	-	-	-	4	11
<b>Nursing (Vocational)</b>	39	67	23	45	55
<b>Office Administration<sup>2</sup></b>	11	13	6	3	6
<b>Pharmacy Technology</b>	4	5	18	5	5
<b>Photographic Technology</b>	1	2	2	0	0
<b>Physical Fitness Technology</b>	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Quality Assurance</b>	0	0	0	1	3
<b>Radio-Television-Film</b>	-	-	1	0	3
<b>Real Estate</b>	0	2	1	0	8
<b>Surgical Technology</b>	0	3	0	1	5
<b>Technical Communications</b>	1	1	3	3	5
<b>Travel &amp; Tourism</b>	-	-	-	4	7
<b>Visual Communication Design<sup>3</sup></b>	3	12	14	23	22
<b>Welding Technology</b>	21	28	23	25	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>479</b>

<sup>1</sup> Listed as Air Conditioning & Refrigeration prior to Academic Year 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Listed as Office Systems Technology prior to Academic Year 2000.

<sup>3</sup> Listed as Commercial Art prior to Academic Year 2000.

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Source: Office of Admissions and Records

**Institutional Awards  
Academic Year 2003**

(September 1, 2002 - August 31, 2003)

**Core Completers**

The core curriculum is predicated on a series of basic intellectual competencies. ACC's core consists of 42 hours of general education courses in English, communications, mathematics, natural science, humanities, visual and performing arts, government, history, and an additional social and behavioral science.

A successfully completed ACC core curriculum will transfer to any other public institution of higher education in Texas and must be substituted for the receiving institution's core curriculum. Students may or may not complete their degree or certificate requirements at the same time that they complete the core curriculum.

Core Completers	223
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**Field of Study**

Field of study curricula are intended to facilitate the free transferability of lower-division academic courses among Texas public colleges and universities.

A successfully completed ACC field of study may be transferred to a general academic teaching institution and must be substituted for that institution's lower division requirements of the degree program for the field of study into which the student transfers; and the student shall receive full academic credit toward the degree program of the block of courses transferred.

Early Childhood Education	12
Business	1

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**Marketable Skills Achievement Award**

Marketable Skills Achievement (MSA) awards are granted to students in active Coordinating Board approved programs during the fiscal year. A marketable skills achievement award may be a credit program of 9-14 SCH or a workforce continuing education program of 144-359 contact hours.

Professional Accountant	26
Accounting Specialist	26
Accounting Technician	36
Comprehensive Child Development Associate Training Program	308
Blood Bank Processing*	4
Phlebotomy Technician*	7

\* Awards are offered through Continuing Education Department

**Source:** THECB Certified Reports