

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 - 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.

Degree - an award given as official recognition for the successful completion of a program of studies.

Field of Study Curriculum - is intended to facilitate the free transferability of lower-division academic courses among Texas public colleges and universities.

Degrees & Awards Summary

- The number of credit degrees and certificates awarded in academic year 2004 was 1,405, an all-time high at Austin Community College.
- Of the 158 Associate of Arts (AA) degrees awarded in academic year 2004, four programs accounted for 58% of all degrees awarded: General Studies (38 AA degrees awarded), Foreign Language (18 AA degrees awarded), Radio-Television-Film (18 AA degrees awarded), and English (17 AA degrees awarded).
- Twenty-two fewer Associate of Science (AS) degrees were awarded in academic year 2004 compared to the previous academic year. Of the 120 AS degrees awarded in academic year 2004, 69% were in Business Administration (83 AS degrees awarded).
- The three programs that awarded the most Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees in academic year 2004 were: Nursing (147 AAS degrees awarded), Computer Information Technology (49 AAS degrees awarded), and Criminal Justice (49 AAS degrees awarded). Nursing AAS degrees accounted for nearly one-quarter of all AAS degrees awarded in academic year 2004.
- The two programs that awarded the most College Credit Certificates in academic year 2004 were: Fire Protection Technology (53 Certificates awarded) and Vocational Nursing (50 Certificates awarded). Together, both programs accounted for one-fifth of all College Credit Certificates awarded in academic year 2004.

5. DEGREES & AWARDS**Credit Degrees and Certificates Awarded
Academic Years 1974 - 2004**

Year	AA	AS	AAS	CERT*	Total Awards
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	1,278
2003-04	158	120	604	523	1,405
TOTAL	3,472	3,665	11,463	6,227	24,827

* Includes Blocktime Certificates through Academic Year 1998.

Source: Office of Admissions and Records

Associate Degrees Awarded by Program Academic Years 2000 - 2004

Associate of Arts (AA)

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Anthropology	2	10	8	5	4
Art	3	9	8	9	13
Communications ¹	24	15	12	5	2
Creative Writing	0	0	1	1	0
Dance	2	3	0	0	0
Drama	0	0	0	1	2
Economics	1	1	0	1	7
English ¹	-	0	6	6	17
Foreign Language	23	15	17	27	18
General Studies	28	23	37	28	38
Geography	1	0	0	1	0
Government	2	5	3	3	2
History	8	1	5	5	8
Journalism ¹	-	0	0	5	7
Music	2	1	4	1	2
Psychology	7	9	13	12	13
Radio-Television-Film	9	8	13	6	18
Social Work	5	2	3	5	5
Sociology	1	0	2	1	2
Speech ¹	-	0	1	2	0
TOTAL	118	102	133	124	158

¹ 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 2000 - 2004**

Associate of Science (AS)

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
Biology	2	6	0	2	3
Business Administration	100	96	84	87	83
Chemistry	1	1	0	1	2
Computer Science	14	14	22	14	11
Engineering	13	12	8	15	4
Environmental Science	-	-	-	-	1
General Studies - Science	0	1	7	2	3
Geology	0	0	0	0	1
Health	3	2	1	1	4
Kinesiology	-	0	3	3	3
Mathematics	5	8	9	8	4
Physical Science	7	4	3	5	0
Physics	1	3	1	1	0
Pre-Dental/Pre-Medical/Pre- Pharmacy/Pre-Veterinarian	4	2	3	3	1
TOTAL	150	149	141	142	120

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 2000 - 2004**

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Accounting	9	11	7	7	14
Automotive Diesel Technology	0	-	-	-	-
Automotive Technology	2	1	6	10	4
Biotechnology	0	0	6	9	5
Building Construction Tech.	2	4	5	5	6
Child Development	10	6	8	12	9
Commercial Music Mgmt.	8	7	9	9	18
Computer Information Technology	29	57	60	56	49
Criminal Justice	41	44	36	36	49
Culinary Arts	0	1	2	4	9
Radiology¹	16	26	21	20	24
Diagnostic Medical / Cardiac Sonography	-	0	3	5	10
Digital Publishing & Graphics Technology²	1	2	4	6	4
Electronics	67	49	57	58	37
Emergency Medical Services	15	19	9	15	16
Engineering Design Graphics	41	33	40	44	32
Environmental Science Technology	-	-	-	-	2
Fashion Merchandising	2	3	2	0	4
Financial Management	3	0	3	1	6
Fire Protection Technology	7	8	6	6	6
Geomatics/Land Surveying Technology	2	3	2	3	0

¹ Listed as Diagnostic Medical Imaging prior to Academic Year 2004.

² 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 2000 - 2004**

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) (continued)

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Technology¹	7	4	4	5	4
Hospitality Management	1	0	5	5	10
Human Services	13	20	19	11	11
Information & Records Mgmt.	1	1	-	-	-
Legal Assistant	16	12	14	12	7
Management²	16	21	13	15	10
Marketing	4	2	5	8	9
Medical Laboratory Technology	8	6	5	3	3
Nursing	104	93	105	92	147
Occupational Therapy Asst.	13	12	7	7	4
Office Administration	2	7	4	0	3
Personal Fitness Trainer	-	-	-	-	1
Photographic Technology	7	13	5	4	13
Physical Fitness Technology	2	2	0	0	2
Physical Therapist Assistant	17	20	12	12	9
Quality Assurance	3	1	0	1	1
Real Estate	3	2	3	2	11
Surgical Technology	8	9	11	12	16
Technical Communications	3	1	4	5	1
Visual Communication Design³	29	30	33	30	32
Welding Technology	7	10	2	3	6
TOTAL	519	540	537	533	604

¹ Listed as Air Conditioning & Refrigeration prior to Academic Year 2001.

² Listed as Business Management & Mid-Management prior to Academic Year 1999.

³ 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 Certificates Awarded Academic Years 2000 - 2004

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Accounting	0	0	2	4	4
Automotive Diesel Technology	0	0	0	0	0
Automotive Technology & Outdoor Powered Equipment	2	3	2	37	30
Biotechnology	-	2	2	0	0
Building Construction Technology	1	2	2	1	1
Child Development	2	15	11	15	4
Computer Information Technology	-	16	43	33	27
Criminal Justice	18	14	16	23	20
Culinary Arts	1	1	3	4	14
Radiology	-	0	0	0	0
Diagnostic Medical / Imaging - Sonography	10	0	17	7	13
Digital Publishing & Graphics Technology¹	10	20	11	16	11
Electronics	33	26	32	38	18
Emergency Medical Services Technology	-	8	20	20	29
Engineering Design Graphics	27	36	31	28	25
Fashion Merchandising	2	1	1	2	0
Financial Management	2	0	2	6	8
Fire Protection Technology	44	55	51	47	53
Geomatics/Land Survey Technology	0	2	0	2	4
Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Technology²	2	11	5	11	12

¹ Listed as Printing & Desktop Publishing prior to Academic Year 2001.

² Listed as Air Conditioning & Refrigeration prior to Academic Year 2001.

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

Source: Office of Admissions and Records

**College Credit Certificates Awarded
Academic Years 2000 - 2004 (continued)**

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Hospitality Management	1	10	1	13	13
Human Services	5	7	9	3	7
Information & Records Management	0	-	-	0	0
International Business	-	-	-	2	5
Jewelry	-	-	-	-	14
Legal Assistant Management	-	-	1	2	8
Marketing	12	9	26	14	23
Medical Coding	3	2	7	6	1
Meeting and Events Planning	-	-	4	11	6
Nursing (Vocational)	-	-	-	-	5
Office Administration ¹	67	23	45	55	50
Pharmacy Technology	13	6	3	6	7
Photographic Technology	5	18	5	5	18
Physical Fitness Technology	2	2	0	0	0
Quality Assurance	0	0	1	0	1
Radio-Television-Film	0	0	1	3	0
Real Estate	-	1	0	3	4
Surgical Technology	2	1	0	8	31
Technical Communications	3	0	1	5	4
Travel & Tourism	1	3	3	5	2
Visual Communication Design ²	-	-	4	7	11
Welding Technology	12	14	23	22	18
TOTAL	308	331	410	479	523

¹ Listed as Office Systems Technology prior to Academic Year 2000.

² Listed as Commercial Art prior to Academic Year 2000.

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

Source: Office of Admissions and Records

**Institutional Awards
Academic Year 2004**

(September 1, 2003 - August 31, 2004)

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.

When the 42-hour core curriculum are successfully completed, that block of courses may be transferred 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	428
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Field of Study

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

When an ACC field of study curriculum are successfully completed, that block of courses may be transferred to any Texas public college or university. The field of study curriculum is substituted for that institution's lower division requirements of the degree program for the field of study into which the students transfer, and the student shall receive full academic credit toward the degree program of the block of courses transferred.

Criminal Justice	16
Business	2

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	14
Accounting Specialist	0
Accounting Technician	19
Comprehensive Child Development Associate Training Program	109
Blood Bank Processing*	5
Phlebotomy Technician*	11
Emergency Medical Technician Basic*	73

* Awards are offered through Continuing Education Department
Source: ACC Catalog and THECB Certified Reports