

# Associate of Applied Science Degree (2025-2026)

The Associate of Applied Science degree program is to prepare the students to enter an occupation or a closely related cluster of occupations after two years of full-time study. It is a technical or occupational degree program, which means that most students in the program are learning a specific trade or practical skill which they hope to make their career. Students seeking an AAS Degree must major in an occupational program of study. Most candidates for the AAS degree do not transfer directly into a bachelor's degree program; however, Pittsburg State University, Fort Hays State University, Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and Emporia State University have some specific programs which closely parallel the requirements at Pratt Community College. In particular, Pittsburg State University encourages students in certain technology majors to transfer to its bachelor's degree program in technology. PCC holds certification as an area vocational school, so vocational programs consist of courses which are accredited as college level credit but are also recognized as fulfilling the competency-based requirements of vocational training schools.

## **Communications 6 hours**

- a. ENG135 Writing for the Workplace or higher
- b. COM106 Interpersonal Communications, COM130 Communication for the Workplace, COM131 Speech Communications, or COM276 Public Speaking

## **Mathematics 3 hours**

- a. MTH 126 Technical Math or higher

Students majoring in a technical field with departmental math requirements must complete the prescribed course.

## **Social & Behavioral Sciences or Humanities 3 hours**

- a. BUS177/SOC178 Human Relations or one course of at least three credit hours from one of the following disciplines: Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Social Sciences, or Economics **or**
- b. One course of at least three credit hours from any of the following: Art, History, Music, Humanities, Drama, Philosophy, Literature, BUS218 Business Ethics. Performance and studio courses are excluded.

## **AAS Institutionally Designated 3 hours**

- a. A total of three (3) credit hours must be taken from the following list of courses:

AGR185 Computers in Agriculture (3)	HPR176 Lifestyle Management (2)
BUS162 Introduction to Word Processing (1)	HPR177 Personal and Community Health (3)
BUS176 Personal Finance (3)	HPR231 First Aid & Safety (3)
BUS235 Microcomputer Office Applications I (3)	HPR161 Nutrition (3)
COM106 Interpersonal Communications (3)	BIO101 Basic Nutrition (3)
HPR101 Concepts of Physical Health (2)	

## **Total Required General Education Credit Hours: Minimum of 15 hours**

## **Courses from Area of Study and electives (excluding General Education requirements): 47 hours**

Please refer to specific program charts as there may be variance in total credit hours and requirements among the technical programs.

## **Total Required Credit Hours = 64 hours**

Please refer to "Requirements for Graduation" detailed elsewhere in the college catalog. A student must meet all requirements listed in that section in addition to those listed above to be eligible for graduation. Students transferring to a university should check transfer requirements

**Effective: Fall 2025**