



Non-degree programs take multiple forms. These programs generally include a series of courses, may carry academic credit, and may result in a credential, certificate, diploma, or badge at the successful conclusion of the program.

Associate degrees

These degrees, AA or AS, typically involve a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter units of study (or the equivalent) and include a general education component. They may be designed for transfer or for preparation for specific professional fields. The AA implies a more liberal orientation and the AS implies a more scientific or technical orientation, although the differences in these two designations are not always

The Commission recognizes that honorary degrees may be appropriately awarded for scholarly achievement, attainments which demonstrate unusual creativity, or distinguished service. The integrity of earned degrees, however, should be protected, and the Commission discourages the awarding of earned degrees as honorary degrees, or the use of terminology which implies such. Refer also to Standard 1 (CFR 1.7) and Standard 3 (CFR 3.1) in the 2013 Handbook of Accreditation.

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