

# DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

The following section details the required curriculum for degree and certificate program awards. Each program award will be listed by its title followed by the type of award:

AS	Associate of Science degree
CA	Certificate of Achievement
SC	Skills Certificate*
CN	Certificate of Completion (noncredit)
CY	Certificate of Competency (noncredit)

\*Note: Skills certificates are issued directly by the departments offering them. They are not state-approved and do not appear on transcripts. Only students completing state-approved degrees and/or certificates may participate in commencement.

Students should refer to "Graduation Requirements" (in the "Academics" section of this catalog) for additional information about each award type.

Students should consult a Counselor in order to develop an educational plan. Transfer students should consult the Transfer Center to insure that their plan will fulfill major preparation and general education requirements at their intended transfer institution.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE (BS)

West Los Angeles College currently offers a Bachelor's of Science (BS) Degree in Dental Hygiene.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES (AA/AS), CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT (CA) AND SKILL CERTIFICATES (SC)

West Los Angeles College provides educational programs that lead to transferring to four-year colleges and universities, as well as career programs that lead to Associate Degrees, Certificates of Achievement, or Skill Certificates.

### Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T and AS-T)

California Community Colleges are now offering associate degrees for transfer to the CSU. These may include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. California Community College students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses.

Students who have been awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units.

To view the most current list of Associate Degrees for Transfer and to find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please go to <http://www.sb1440.org/Counseling.aspx>. Current and prospective community college students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.

An **Associate of Arts (AA)** or **Associate of Science (AS)** Degree is granted to recognize a student's satisfactory completion of an organized program of study consisting of a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units including general education requirements and specific major requirements. A minimum GPA of 2.0 ("C") or better is required for an Associate Degree.

A **Certificate of Achievement (CA)** is issued in State- approved programs designed for students who are looking for instruction with a high degree of specialization. Certificate programs vary in length, but must have 8 or more semester units, and may be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis. Vocational certificate programs are usually one-year educational programs that offer courses needed to prepare students for employment. A Certificate of Achievement program is specific, and no course substitution will be permitted unless approved by the department. A grade of "C" or better is required in each course required for the major.

A **Skill Certificate (SC)** is issued by the department offering the certificate for programs requiring 17 semester units or fewer. Skill Certificates are designed for those students who have limited time, or who wish to limit their commitment to a particular field of study. Students may seek increased job-related specialization, job advancement, or preparation for new employment. Courses that make up a Skill Certificate may apply toward a Certificate Program or Associate Degree. A grade of "C" or better is required in each course required for the major. Always consult a counselor for verification.

Departments offering skills certificates are responsible for their issuance.

**Note:** Skill certificates are not state-approved and are not included on transcripts. Only students completing state- approved degrees and/or certificates of achievement may participate in commencement.

Students should petition the Admissions office for Associate Degrees or Certificates of Achievement during the final semester in which completion of requirements takes place. Units earned toward a Certificate may be applied toward an Associate Degree of the same major.

A 2.0 GPA and completion of at least 12 units of work in residence and attendance at West Los Angeles College during the semester in which the requirements are completed are required for any certificate.

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AA-T Associate in Art Degree for Transfer	CA Certificate of Achievement
AS-T Associate in Science Degree for Transfer	CN Certificate of Completion (noncredit)
AA Associate of Arts degree	CY Certificate of Competency (noncredit)
AS Associate of Science degree	SC Skills Certificate (non-transcripted)

For both the degree and certificate programs, transcripts from all other colleges attended must be on file in the Admissions office.

## NONCREDIT CERTIFICATES (CN/CY)

### Noncredit Certificate of Completion (CN) and Certificate of Competency (CY)

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For complete information on Transfer Associate Degree requirements, the student should refer to “Graduation Requirements” and to “Transfer Requirements” in this section. Lower-division requirements of four-year colleges and universities are found under “Transfer Requirements.” Because baccalaureate institutions differ in their majors’ requirements, it is vitally important for transfer students to consult with a counselor before registration to get the best available information about courses they need to take.