

# PROGRAM OFFERINGS

## Information About Transferring

North Idaho College provides a wide array of associate's degree programs that support transfer to all four-year schools in Idaho, as well as to regional and out-of-state institutions. By completion of one of the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science programs described in this catalog, students will satisfy all of the general education requirements for all Idaho colleges and universities, and will be well-positioned to earn a bachelor's degree with two more years of full-time study at many transfer institutions.

Working with a NIC advisor and consulting with the intended transfer institution is the best way to design a personalized plan to achieve educational goals.

The necessary NIC lower division courses, (numbered 100 and 200) are needed to prepare for the upper division courses (numbered 300 and 400) to complete a bachelor's degree.

An efficient education plan for transferring credits from NIC and completing bachelor's degree requirements at other colleges or universities involves three groups of courses:

- General Education Courses
- Program Requirements
- Transfer Specific Courses

## General Education Courses

Students who complete all of the general education requirements (GEM), a minimum of 36 credits will receive documentation on their official NIC transcript. This documentation will both be a milestone toward completion of the associate's degree requirements and support transfer to a bachelor's degree program in Idaho, where it will be universally accepted as satisfying general education requirements at Idaho's two- and four-year institutions. Completion of all of NIC's general educational requirements will also be useful for those students who choose to transfer outside of Idaho for their bachelor's degree.

In the absence of an A.S. or A.A. degree or completion of all general education requirements at NIC, transfer institutions will evaluate each course on a student's transcript. Completed general education core courses will transfer in the specified area taken at NIC to Idaho public institutions. For example, a GEM 4 course completed at NIC in Scientific Ways of Knowing will be accepted by a public institution in Idaho as Scientific Ways of Knowing. Any other course completed at NIC outside of the general education core, including courses in the wellness and integrative categories specific to NIC, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for transfer.

## Area of Emphasis Courses

These courses are listed under the general requirements for each program and are designed to meet specific requirements in bachelor's degree programs.

## Transfer Specific Courses

These courses may be identified for particular programs as a way to help ensure smooth and successful transfer to the designated institution.

## Interstate Passport®

WICHE's Interstate Passport is a program designed to simplify out-of-state transfer of general education across a wide network of two- and four-year schools. Students at North Idaho College who complete specified courses can have a seamless, efficient, and economical transfer experience to these member institutions. Completers of a WICHE Passport will not be required to repeat or take additional course work to meet lower-division general education requirements in the Passport's nine areas when they transfer to any other network-member institution. Students with an interest in achieving the Passport should contact their NIC advisors.

## Transfer Programs

- American Indian Studies (AA)
- American Indian Studies (AC)
- American Sign Language Studies (AA)
- Anthropology (AA)
- Art (AA)
- Biology, Botany, and Zoology (AS)
- Business (AS)
- Chemistry (AS)
- Child Development (AC)
- Child Development (AS)
- Child Development Associate Credential Program (AC)
- Communication (AA)
- Communication (AC)
- Computer Science (AS)
- Criminal Justice (AA)
- Education - Elementary or Middle School Teacher Education (AA)
- Education - Secondary Education (AA)
- Engineering (AS)
- English (AA)
- Entrepreneurship (AC)
- Environmental Science (AS)
- Forestry/Wildlife/Range Management (AS)
- General Studies (AA)
- Geology (AS)
- History (AA)
- Humanities (AA)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (AA)
- Journalism (AA)
- Mathematics (AS)
- Modern Languages (AA)
- Music (AA)
- Nursing: Registered Nursing (R.N.) (AS)
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (AS)
- Philosophy (AA)
- Photography (AA)

- Physical Education (AS)
- Physics/Astronomy (AS)
- Political Science and Pre-Law (AS)
- Pre-Medical Related Fields (AS)
- Pre-Microbiology/Medical Technology (AS)
- Pre-Nutrition (AS)
- Pre-Physical Therapy (AS)
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine (AS)
- Psychology (AS)
- Public Relations (AA)
- Social Work (AA)
- Sociology (AA)
- Theatre (AA)

## Career and Technical Education and Occupational Program Options

Students enrolled in a career and technical education program receive comprehensive training and may also receive on-the-job experiences through a practicum or co-op opportunity. These programs provide educational training for entry-level job skills. Reinforcing basic skills and developing job-related skills are integral components of all programs. Programs vary in length depending on whether students choose a certificate or Associate of Applied Science Degree option.

### Technical Certificate of Completion (CC)

Students may qualify for a Technical Certificate of Completion by completing a career and technical education program with an earned overall grade point average of at least 2.0 (C). A grade of C- or better is also required for each specific course listed within the program outline. This certificate is awarded for career and technical education programs that do not meet the criteria for other career and technical education certificates and consist of seven semester credits or less.

### Basic Technical Certificate (BTC)

Students may qualify for a Basic Technical Certificate by completing a career and technical education program with an earned overall grade point average of at least 2.0 (C). A grade of C- or better is also required for each specific course listed within the program outline. This certificate is awarded for completion of requirements in an approved career and technical education program of instruction of at least eight semester credit hours and mastery of specific competencies drawn from requirements of business/industry.

### Intermediate Technical Certificate (ITC)

Students may qualify for an Intermediate Technical Certificate by completing a career and technical education program with an earned overall grade point average of at least 2.0 (C). A grade of C- or better is also required for each specific course listed within the program outline. This certificate is a credential awarded for the completion of requirements entailing at least 30 semester credit hours and less than one year of full-time work and includes mastery of specific competencies drawn from requirements of business/industry.

### Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC)

Students may qualify for an Advanced Technical Certificate by completing a career and technical education program with an earned overall grade point average of at least 2.0 (C). A grade of C- or better is also required for each specific course listed within the program outline. This certificate is a credential awarded after completion of technical and technical support requirements entailing more than one academic year, a minimum of 52 semester credit hours, and mastery of specific competencies from requirements of business/industry.

### Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)

Students may qualify for an Associate of Applied Science Degree by completing a career and technical education program with an earned overall grade point average of at least 2.0 (C). A grade of C- or better is also required for each specific course listed within the program outline. Some courses may not be transferable to other institutions and some programs may require electives that fulfill general education requirements.

Students should consult with an advisor when setting up their program of study. This degree is a credential awarded for completion of requirements entailing at least two but less than four years of full-time career and technical education study with a minimum of 60 semester credits (includes a minimum of 15 general education credits) and includes mastery of specific competencies drawn from requirements of business/industry. The A.A.S. degree has specific requirements in individual technical fields. An Associate of Applied Science Degree for apprenticeship may be available at NIC for students who successfully complete four years (576 hours) of U.S. Office of Apprenticeship requirements.

For information, call the NIC Admissions Office at (208) 769-3311.

### Limited and Selective Enrollment Program Entry

Certain career and technical education programs have limited capacity and/or additional admission requirements. Prospective students who do not meet the initial eligibility requirements for a limited-enrollment program will need to take selected courses to receive necessary skill-building prior to entering the program. Because of the variety of options and course requirements within each career and technical education program, new students should consult with an advisor to formulate a customized plan prior to registration. Students who are placed on a waitlist for a limited enrollment program may also wish to pursue this option. Call (208) 769-3448 for information and to make an appointment with a career and technical education advisor.

### Hands-on Training

Career and technical education and occupational programs provide hands-on training in specialized skills that are designed to connect with immediate employment opportunities. This training is accomplished through experiential learning in labs and shops, and through additional supervised internships at selected job sites or co-op opportunities. Each program has its own curricula for ensuring that students receive hands-on training and work-related experience to be employable in their field of study. Refer to the program and course descriptions for more information about the type of hands-on training provided for each career and technical education program. Those wishing

additional information may contact Career and Technical Education Student Support Services at (208) 769-3448.

## Career-Technical Programs

- Accounting Assistant (AAS)
- Accounting Assistant-Bookkeeping Emphasis (ATC)
- Accounting Assistant-Bookkeeping Emphasis (ITC)
- Administrative Office Management Technology (AAS)
- Administrative Office Technology (BTC)
- Aerospace Composite Fabrication (BTC)
- Aerospace Composite Technician (ITC)
- Aerospace Repair and Quality Assurance (BTC)
- Aerospace Technology Advanced Manufacturing (AAS)
- Aerospace Technology Advanced Manufacturing (ATC)
- Aerospace Technology Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Mill Operation (BTC)
- Aerospace Technology Core (BTC)
- Aerospace Technology Nondestructive Testing and Inspection (BTC)
- Automotive Technology (AAS)
- Automotive Technology (ATC)
- Automotive Technology (ITC)
- Aviation Maintenance Technology (AAS)
- Aviation Maintenance Technology (ATC)
- Business Management (AAS)
- Business Management – Entrepreneurship (BTC)
- Business Management – General Business Core (BTC)
- Business Management – Human Resource Management (BTC)
- Business Management – Supervision (BTC)
- Carpentry and Construction Technology (ITC)
- Collision Repair Technology (ITC)
- Computer Aided Design Technology–Architectural Design Option (AAS)
- Computer Aided Design Technology–Architectural Design Option (ATC)
- Computer Aided Design Technology–Architectural Design Option (ITC)
- Computer Aided Design Technology–Mechanical Design Option (AAS)
- Computer Aided Design Technology–Mechanical Design Option (ATC)
- Computer Aided Design Technology–Mechanical Design Option (ITC)
- Computer Applications (BTC)
- Computer Information Technology (AAS)
- Computer Information Technology (ATC)
- Computer Information Technology (ITC)
- Construction Management (AAS)
- Culinary Arts (AAS)
- Culinary Arts (ATC)
- Culinary Arts (ITC)
- Cybersecurity and Networking (BTC)
- Diesel Technology (AAS)
- Diesel Technology (ATC)
- Diesel Technology (ITC)
- Fire Service Technology (AAS)
- Graphic Design (AAS)
- Graphic Design (ATC)
- Graphic Design (ITC)
- Health Information Fundamentals (ITC)
- Healthcare Computer Technician (AAS)
- Healthcare Computer Technician (ATC)
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (ITC)
- Hospitality Management (AAS)
- Hospitality Management (ATC)
- Hospitality Management (ITC)
- Industrial Mechanic/Millwright (ITC)
- Law Enforcement (AAS)
- Law Enforcement (BTC)
- Law Enforcement (ITC)
- Machining and CNC Technology (AAS)
- Machining and CNC Technology (ATC)
- Machining and CNC Technology (ITC)
- Mechatronics (AAS)
- Mechatronics (ATC)
- Medical Administrative Assistant (AAS)
- Medical Assistant (AAS)
- Medical Assistant (ITC)
- Medical Billing Specialist (AAS)
- Medical Laboratory Technology (AAS)
- Medical Receptionist (ITC)
- Network Security Administration (AAS)
- Network Security Administration (ATC)
- Network Security Administration (ITC)
- Nursing: Practical Nursing (P.N.) (ITC)
- Office Specialist/Receptionist (ITC)
- Office Technology (ITC)
- Outdoor Recreation Leadership (AAS)
- Outdoor Recreation Leadership (ATC)
- Outdoor Recreation Leadership (ITC)
- Paralegal (AAS)
- Pharmacy Technology (ITC)
- Physical Therapist Assistant (AAS)
- Radiography Technology (AAS)
- Surgical Technology (AAS)
- Virtual Administrative Assistant (ITC)
- Web Design (AAS)
- Web Design (ATC)
- Welding Technology (AAS)
- Welding Technology (ATC)
- Welding Technology (ITC)

## General Education Framework at North Idaho College

North Idaho College has a proud heritage of seeking to provide all students with learning experiences to build the knowledge,

skills, and attitudes needed for productive and meaningful lives and to be contributing members of society. The college framework for general education adopts the principles and requirements outlined in Idaho's Statewide General Education (Policy III N). NIC's faculty met with colleagues from across the disciplines at each of the two- and four-year higher education institutions in Idaho to write competencies in six areas of general education. The courses listed in the following pages represent the thoughtfully considered review by faculty of the content and learning outcomes for general education at NIC. These are:

- **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively, in both written and oral forms, to varied audiences to serve diverse purposes as part of their studies at NIC and beyond.
- **Mathematical Ways of Knowing:** Students will think quantitatively, evaluate data, and draw conclusions using sound mathematical principles and practices.
- **Scientific Ways of Knowing:** Students will apply scientific reasoning to various discipline related questions in the field and use laboratory practices appropriately for study, analysis and replication of key principles.
- **Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing:** Students will insightfully read, appreciate, and express how a variety of art forms, including language, has shaped and influenced the human condition.
- **Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing:** Students will use social science reasoning to inquire, critically consume relevant information, and develop insights on individual, social, community and world problems and questions.

In addition, NIC has established requirements for competencies in:

- **Integrative Inquiry and Wellness:** Students will think critically, develop self-awareness, practice integrative learning, and develop purposefulness about educational and life goals.

These competencies and outcomes are the basis for assessing our general education program. Together with the programs we offer, general education at NIC reflects the college's commitment to preparing citizens in the 21st century. NIC students will thereby have the benefit of an education that is shaped by our mission and values as a comprehensive community college.