

Occupational Development AAS

Career & Technical Division

Program Description:

The Occupational Developmental Degree is designed to meet two major needs:

1. To provide for cooperatively sponsored educational opportunities leading to the Associate in Applied Science degree for students in an U.S. Department of Labor registered apprenticeship training program.
2. To provide a mechanism for Mountwest Community & Technical College to deliver educational programs in a variety of occupational fields to businesses and industries having an immediate need for such programs.

The United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeships and Training (BAT) identify eligible apprenticeship programs. Components of the degree program include the following: general education, classroom instruction, and on-the-job training.

Occupational Development students must meet all college admission and performance standards. Credits earned through either approved apprenticeship programs or through industry-based education and training programs will not be added to the students' collegiate transcripts until they have completed at a minimum three program credit hours from Mountwest Community & Technical College and have obtained at least a 2.00 GPA.

The student who graduates with the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Occupational Development will possess:

- Supervisory Skills
- Computer Software Skills
- Relevant Essential Math Skills
- Written and Oral Communication Skills
- Trade Skills
- Desire for lifelong learning

Employment Opportunities:

- Work as journeyman

Program Admission Requirements:

The college adheres to an open admission policy which means applicants with a high school diploma or a GED are eligible for admission. Applicants with neither a high school diploma nor a GED may be admitted on a conditional basis.

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Name:	ID Number 942-
Educational Counselor:	
Faculty Advisor:	

COURSE REQUIRED

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR	
ENL 231	Business and Technical Writing		3					
COM 125	Interpersonal Communication		3					
IT 101	Fundamentals of Computers ³		3					
MAT 100	Occupational Math		3					
PSYC 200	General Psychology		3					
Classroom Instruction in the Occupation ⁴ 450-750 Classroom/Laboratory contact hours of Occupational Education converted to credit hours at the usual ratio of 15:1 classroom or 30:1 laboratory. Maximum credit hours: 33								
		Up to 33 credit hours						
On-The-Job Training in Occupation ⁵ Maximum of 2,400 contact hours of on-the-job training, converted to credit hours on a ratio of 200:1, can be counted toward the A.A.S. degree. A statement of the total number of contact hours experienced on the job by the student may be placed on the college record. This credit will be recorded immediately prior to graduation from the college.								
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	HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 60
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¹ Student must be employed in an occupation and complete an U.S. Department of Labor registered apprenticeship program.
² Students must complete a minimum of 3 credit hours with Mountwest Community & Technical College to establish academic residency.
³ IT 101 fulfills state General Education Elective Requirement for Occupational Development Degree and General Studies Core.
⁴ Must provide a copy of the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship certificate to verify completion of the classroom portion of the apprenticeship instruction. College credit for the Apprenticeship instruction will be recorded immediately prior to graduation from college.
⁵ A letter must be received from employer to verify this employment, contact the program coordinator to receive credit for the OJT.

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