

# TYPES OF PROGRAMS

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### Associate of Arts (AA)

Associate of Arts degree is a university transfer program that focuses on completing general education courses that apply to four-year degrees.

The curriculum covers a variety of topics with an emphasis on social sciences and humanities. Transfer agreements lead the way to seamless transfer to a four-year college or university with junior status. The program is also a great option for students who know they want a degree, but aren't exactly sure which academic program is right for them.

### Associate of Science (AS)

Associate of Science degree is a university transfer program that focuses on completing general education courses that apply to four-year degrees.

The curriculum covers a variety of topics with an emphasis on math and science. Transfer agreements lead the way to seamless transfer to a four-year college or university with junior status. The program is also a great option for students who know they want a degree, but aren't exactly sure which academic program is right for them.

### Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

Associate of Applied Science degree programs help you prepare for or advance in a particular occupation or field. Most AAS degrees require 60-70 credits and consist of technical studies, general studies and some electives. Complete your degree in as little as two years, or attend part-time to fit your schedule. Some or all credits may be applied toward a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college.

### Technical Diploma (TD)

Technical Diploma programs help you prepare for a targeted occupation, typically at an entry level. Credit requirements range from 2-70 credits, and many programs offer full- and part-time options. Some credits may be applied to associate of applied science degree programs.

### Apprenticeship (A)

Apprenticeships are an earn-while-you-learn program of on-the-job training combined with related classroom instruction for a skilled trade.

Both the employer and the apprentice must be contracted with the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards in order to begin the program.

You may find more information on how to apply to any of MPTC's apprenticeship programs by visiting the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards website (<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/>) or by calling 608-266-3332.

### Certificate (C)

Certificate programs include a focused set of courses for skills required in the workplace. Some credits may apply to associate of applied science degree or technical diploma programs or to a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college.