

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 Skyline College Associate Degrees for Transfer and to find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please visit the [Transfer Center website](#). 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.

Requirements for the Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T)

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an "associate degree for transfer", a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees:

1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
3. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an "AA-T" or "AS-T" major as detailed in the Degrees/ Certificates section of the catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better. A "P" (Pass) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in the major.
4. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

Note: Per state legislation, students pursuing AA/AS-Ts are only required to meet the major, CSU GE or IGETC/CSU, and a minimum of 60 CSU transferable requirements. No additional requirements are needed.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult

with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Bachelor's in Science in Respiratory Care

The bachelor's degree program includes a focused area of study in Respiratory Care and a general education pattern designed to provide the knowledge, skills, experiences, and perspectives that will enable graduates to contribute meaningfully in their personal and professional communities applying greater levels of critical thinking and analytical skills. The curriculum provides advanced scope of practice education with emphasis in advanced cardiopulmonary pathophysiology, advanced respiratory case management, advanced respiratory neonatal/ pediatrics, health education in respiratory care, research methodology, quantitative principles, respiratory care sleep medicine, and respiratory care leadership and management.

To qualify a student must have completed respiratory care lower division coursework from a CoARC accredited program. Graduation from Skyline College with a Bachelor's in Science in Respiratory Care requires a minimum of 120 units. This includes 41.5 units of upper division coursework, 48.5 units of lower division major coursework, and 37 UC (IGETC) or 39 CSU and Title 5 general education units. The bachelor's degree need not align with other UC or CSU local area graduation requirements.

A minimum of 50 percent of the upper division units required for the major, including 9 units of the upper division general education, must be completed at Skyline College for a bachelor's degree.

See the Bachelor's in Science in Respiratory Care degree for further requirements.

Transfer Of Credit And Graduation And/ Or Certificate Program Requirements

For students who transfer among the district's colleges or other colleges or universities outside the district.

For more information, please visit the Transfer Center website at <http://skylinecollege.edu/transfercenter/index.php>.

The San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees has adopted Board Policy 6.26, which provides for reciprocity of course credit among the District's three colleges for purposes of meeting graduation requirements.

1. Students may transfer from one College within the District to another without penalty, although

differences in curriculum offerings among the Colleges may exist.

2. Individual courses students have taken at a particular College within the District that satisfy an area in the general education pattern, elective, statutory, and/or specific area requirements at one District College shall be accepted by the other District Colleges as satisfying those same requirements.
3. Students who have completed an entire General Education pattern, electives, residency, competency, statutory and specific area requirements, at one District College shall be determined to have completely fulfilled all area requirements for graduation or certificate programs at any of the District Colleges. Upon transferring to another District College, students shall be required to complete only those courses applicable toward their major for the Associate Degree or Certificate Program.
4. District students who transfer to another College within the District shall receive full transfer credit for instruction completed in their major field but, in order to graduate, they shall be expected to meet the major-field graduation requirements established by the College to which they have transferred.
5. Students who have taken course work at more than one of the District's Colleges shall ordinarily be recommended for graduation by the College in which they have taken the majority of their course work. Students who have completed the majority of their course work at a college outside the District must complete a minimum of 12 units and a minimum of 50% of the total units required for the major at one or more the District Colleges in order to be recommended for graduation with the Associate Degree or completion of a Certificate Program.

Skyline College currently offers twenty-four Associate Degrees for Transfer as follows:

Associate In Arts For Transfer	Anthropology, Art History, Communication Studies, Elementary Teacher Education, English, History, Journalism, Kinesiology, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Studio Arts
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Associate In Science For Transfer	Administration of Justice, Biology, Business Administration, Computer Science, Early Childhood Education, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Public Health Science
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Certificate Requirements

Fifty (50) percent of the total units required for the Certificate must be completed at Skyline College. Units earned to meet certificate requirements may be applied toward the 60 units required for an AA or AS degree and may also satisfy the major requirement for an Associate's Degree.

A Pathway To The Associate Degree For Students Who Have Already Achieved A Bachelor's Degree

Students who wish to pursue an Associate Degree at Skyline College who have already been awarded a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States may be exempt from Skyline College's local Associate Degree General Education requirements. This pathway does not apply to the Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T). Students must still complete a minimum of 12 units in residence at Skyline College. For the major, at least 12 units, or 50% of the units required for the major, whichever is fewer, must be completed at Skyline College. All other local requirements may be waived if the completed Bachelor's degree includes coursework that fulfills the Title 5 minimum requirements for the Associate Degree as noted below.

Title 5 (55063) Associate Degree Requirements

1. Minimum of 60 units of lower division degree applicable coursework.
2. Completion of Freshman Composition (equivalent to ENGL 100 or ENGL 105 at Skyline College).
3. Completion of Intermediate Algebra (equivalent to MATH 120 or higher at Skyline College).
4. Completion of at least 12 units in residence at Skyline College.
5. Completion of at least 12 units or 50% of the units required for the major, whichever is fewer, completed at Skyline College.
6. Completion of 19 units of general education:
 - a. 6 semester units in English Language Communication and Critical Thinking
 - b. 4 semester units in Scientific Inquiry (includes lab)

- c. 3 semester units in Arts and Humanities
- d. 3 semester units in Social Science
- e. 3 semester units in Lifelong Learning & Self Development or the aforementioned areas.

Satisfaction Of Graduation Requirements By Examination

Some of the course requirements for the AA or AS Degree may be satisfied by examination and/or military service credit in accordance with regulations established by the college.

Changes In State Regulations Governing Community Colleges

The state of California has legislated a series of reforms designed to strengthen the community colleges. One of these reforms was a comprehensive review of standards for instruction in each course and classification of each course as applicable to the Associate Degree. Classes that do not count as units for the Associate Degree are noted in the college catalog following the course description. A course that does not count as units will have the following statement at the end of the course description: (Units do not count toward the Associate Degree.)