

Educational Programs

Academic and Technical Programs

Lamar State College Port Arthur offers general academic courses that lead to Associate of Arts and Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees. Courses for transfer to four-year institutions are offered in accounting, economics, anthropology, art, government, home economics, kinesiology, physics, history, speech, computer science, health, mathematics, psychology, biology, chemistry, geography, geology, sociology, criminal justice, music, drama, English, teaching and Spanish.

Students can complete two full years of course work and satisfy the majority of the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree.

Students can complete freshman and sophomore course work at Lamar State College Port Arthur and be prepared to move into junior and senior level course work at a four-year institution.

Lamar State College Port Arthur offers a technical education curriculum that leads to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in office administration, commercial music: performance, commercial music: sound engineer, audiovisual production, cosmetology, instrumentation technology, paralegal, medical office administration, process technology, software developer, accounting, graphic design, medical coding, surgical technology, and ADN (registered) nursing.

The Associate of Applied Science Degrees can be completed in two-years. Certificates of completion are also available to those students completing one-semester and one-year programs of study in most of these fields.

Academic Programs

Associate of Arts Degree

Students at Lamar State College Port Arthur who wish to take courses in an academic transfer field of study may choose to pursue an Associate of Arts Degree. The Associate of Arts Degree provides a Core Curriculum that will transfer to four-year institutions and parallels the first two years of most baccalaureate degree plans. Upon completion of the Core Curriculum, students may choose from several areas of emphasis to fulfill the remaining degree requirements. These areas of emphasis include

Academic Studies, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Drama, Kinesiology and Studio Art.

1. Academic Studies / Department of General Education and Developmental Studies
2. Business Administration / Department of Business and Technology
3. Criminal Justice / General Education and Developmental Studies
4. Drama / Department of Commercial Music, Visual and Performing Arts
5. Kinesiology / Department of Health, Fitness, and Sports
6. Studio Art / Department of Commercial Music, Visual and Performing Arts

Certificate Award

1. Academic Studies Certificate

Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching

The Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching is designed for students that plan to complete a bachelor's degree in education at a four year institution of higher education. Upon completion of the Core Curriculum, students may choose an emphasis in several areas to fulfill the remaining degree requirements. The areas of emphasis include Art, Theater Arts, Music, and Physical Education.

1. Teaching Art EC-12⁴ / Department of General Education and Developmental Studies
2. Teaching Theater Arts EC-12 / Department of Commercial Music, Visual and Performing Arts
3. Teaching Music EC-12 / Department of Commercial Music, Visual and Performing Arts
4. Teaching Physical Education EC-12 / Department of Health, Fitness, and Sports

Core Curriculum

Lamar State College Port Arthur has a core curriculum of forty two (42) semester credit hours. (See page 61 for course requirements.)

Texas Education Code, Chapter 61, requires each state-supported college and university in Texas is required to design and implement a Core Curriculum, with the courses comprising the curriculum totaling no more than forty two (42) semester credit hours. Each Core Curriculum must

⁴ EC-12: Early Childhood thru 12th grade

be consistent with the Texas Common Course Numbering System, and must be consistent with the framework identified.

A student successfully completing the Core Curriculum at Lamar State College Port Arthur may transfer that block of courses to any other state-supported institution in Texas.

When transferred, the receiving institution must substitute the block of courses for its Core Curriculum. A transferring student shall receive academic credit for each of the courses transferred and may not be required to take additional Core Curriculum courses at the receiving institution.

A student who transfers from Lamar State College Port Arthur to another institution without completing the Core Curriculum receives academic credit within the Core Curriculum of the receiving institution for each applicable course transferred. Following receipt of credit for these courses, the student probably will be required to satisfy the remaining course requirements in the Core Curriculum of the receiving institution.

To eliminate the possibility of being required to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution, students are strongly encouraged to complete the entire Core Curriculum before transferring.

Transfer Programs

Lamar State College Port Arthur offers general academic courses leading to Associate of Arts and Associate Arts in Teaching degrees. The courses in these degrees are designed to transfer to four-year institutions and include accounting, art, biology, business, computer science, chemistry, criminal justice, drama, economics, education, English, geography, geology, government, health, history, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, psychology, speech, and sociology. The College uses the *Common Course Numbering System*, which has been developed to help receiving institutions easily identify courses eligible for transfer and has overall improved the transfer of courses.

A student can complete two years of courses (core curriculum) to satisfy the majority of the course requirements for a bachelor's degree. In most majors, a student can complete virtually all of his or her freshman and sophomore course work at LSCPA and be fully prepared to move into junior and senior level course work at a senior institution.

Technical Education Programs

Lamar State College Port Arthur offers a variety of technical programs that lead to an Associate of

Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree or a certificate. These programs are not designed to transfer to four-year colleges or universities. Technical programs are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills for employment in today's complex economy. Qualified instructors, using state of the art equipment and technology, introduce students to the knowledge and skills that business and industry currently seek in potential employees.

Each Associate of Applied Science Degree program also contains a general education component that emphasizes humanities, communication, mathematics skills, and social awareness. The general education courses within the Associate of Applied Science Degree meet transfer level standards and will transfer to four-year institutions.

Associate of Applied Science Degrees

1. Accounting
2. Audiovisual Production
3. Cosmetology Instructor
4. Cosmetology Operator
5. Commercial Music-Performance
6. Commercial Music-Sound Engineer
7. Drafting Technology
8. Graphic Design
9. Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration
10. Instrumentation Technology
11. Medical Coding Specialist
12. Medical Office Administration
13. Business Office Management
14. Paralegal
15. Process Technology
16. Software Developer/Game Design
17. Substance Abuse Counselor
18. Surgical Technology
19. Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Nursing

Certificate Degrees

1. Accounting
2. Administrative Assistant
3. Computer Programmer
4. Cosmetology Instructor
5. Cosmetology Operator
6. Drafting Technology
7. Graphic Design
8. Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration
9. Instrumentation
10. Vocational Nursing
11. Live Sound Design and Technology
12. Medical Coding
13. Medical Office Assistant
14. Music
15. Nurse Aide
16. Process Technology
17. Surgical Technology

Advanced Technical Certificate Degrees:

1. Substance Abuse Counselor

Students interested in gaining basic training in vocational areas can take advantage of several certificate programs offered by the Technical Programs Division. Students successfully finishing a technical program will possess the basic skills required for entry-level employment in their field.

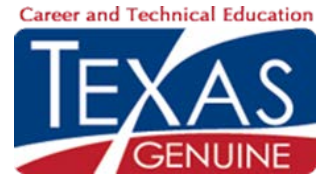
Guarantee of Competency

The College makes certain guarantees to its students who earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree or Certificates in technical education programs.

If a graduate is judged by his/her employer as lacking in technical job skills that are identified as exit competencies for the degree program, the graduate will be provided up to nine tuition-free semester credit hours of additional skill training by the College. Certain conditions apply. Inquiries should be directed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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General Education Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees

All AAS degree plans include at least five general education courses. Each degree plan must contain a minimum of one course selected from each of three categories: Natural Sciences/Mathematics, Humanities/Fine Arts, and Social/Behavioral Sciences. Most degree plans specify that students must complete certain general education courses for the degree. However, some degree plans allow students to select electives from one or more general education category. The courses listed below meet the general education requirements in AAS degree plans for the three categories shown.

Table 1: General Education Requirements for AAS Degree

Categories	Courses
Natural Sciences/ Mathematics	BIOL 1322, 1406, 2401 HECO 1322 CHEM 1405, 1406, 1411 Any college-level MATH course GEOL 1403, 1404 PHYS 1401, 1405, 1407, 1415, 1417
Humanities/Fine Arts	ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304, 1311, 1312, 1316, 2313, 2316, 2348, 2349 DRAM 1310, 1351, 1352, 2336, 2361 MUSI 1306, 1310 PHIL 1301 ENGL 1302, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2331, 2341
Social/Behavioral Sciences	HIST 1301, 1302, 2301 ECON 2301, 2302 PSYC 2301, 2314 GEOG 1302 GOVT 2305, 2306 EDUC 1300/PSYC 1300 SOC1 1301, 1306, 2301

Core Curriculum

The core curriculum is a total of forty-two (42) semester credit hours (SCH). The core curriculum is required for associate degrees and the Certificate in Academic Studies. Students must select the 42 required semester credit hours from the core courses listed below.

Core Component Area	SCH Required	Core Courses	Core Code
Communication	6	ENGL 1301 and 1302	10
Mathematics	3	MATH 1332, 1342, 1314, or 2312	20
Life & Physical Sciences	6	BIOL 1406, 1407, 2401, 2402 CHEM 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1411, 1412 GEOL 1403, 1404 PHYS 1401, 1402, 1405, 1407, 1415, 1417	30
Language, Philosophy, & Culture	3	ENGL 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2331, or 2341 ARTS 1303 or 1304 DRAM 2361 PHIL 1301	40
Creative Arts	3	ARTS 1301 DRAM 1310 MUSI 1306 or 1310	50
American History	6	HIST 1301 and 1302	60
Government/Political Science	6	GOVT 2305 and 2306	70
Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	ECON 2301 or 2302 GEOG 1302 HIST 2301, 2321, or 2322 SOVI 1301, 1306, or 2301 PSYC 2301, 2314, or 2317	80
Component Area Option	6	SPCH 1315, 1318, or 2335 (one course) Labs for life and physical sciences (2 SCH) EDUC 1100 or PSYC 1100 (one course)	90
Total	42		

Department of Allied Health

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The Department of Allied Health houses educational programs that include the Substance Abuse Counselor Program, Vocational Nursing Program, Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Nursing Program, and the Surgical Technology Program. A Nurse Aide curriculum is also offered by the department.

Graduates of programs within the department provide specific services to people in a variety of health care settings, industries and private businesses. Graduates describe pleasant working

conditions and competitive salaries following their education.

The goal of delivering services through a team of dedicated specialists working cooperatively characterizes each Allied Health program. Each educational program strives to give the student a quality education with the use of innovative teaching tools, clinical and job experiences and state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. The department offices are located in the Allied Health Building.

Associate of Applied Science Degrees

1. Substance Abuse Counselor
2. Surgical Technology
3. Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Nursing