

Degrees and Certificates

The types of certificates and degrees offered at Kaua'i Community College are explained below. The issuance of any certificate or degree requires that the student must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better for all courses applicable toward the certificate or degree.

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree

The A.A.S. degree is a 2-year technical-occupational-professional degree, consisting of at least 60 semester credits, which provides students with skills and competencies for gainful employment. This degree is not intended nor designed for transfer directly into a baccalaureate program. A.A.S. programs may, however, include some baccalaureate-level course offerings.

Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree

The A.A. degree is a 2-year baccalaureate direct transfer liberal arts degree, consisting of at least 60 semester credits at the 100 and 200 levels. It is intended for students who plan to transfer to a 4-year institution or for students desiring two years of general education beyond high school. Only courses numbered 100 or above may count toward the degree, and all area requirements must be satisfied. The courses are likely to be transferable to any university. A transferrable course, however, may not be applicable to a particular program or major at the other institution. Therefore, it is highly recommended that the student consult with a counselor at the start of the liberal arts program.

Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree

The A.S. degree is a 2-year technical-occupational-professional degree, consisting of at least 60 semester credits, entirely at the baccalaureate level, which provides students with skills and competencies for gainful employment. Required courses are numbered 100 or above.

Academic Subject Certificate (A.S.C.)

The A.S.C. is a college credential for students who have successfully completed a specific sequence of credit courses from the A.A. curriculum. The course sequence must fit within the structure of the A.A. degree, may not extend the credits required for the A.A. degree, and shall be at least 12 credit hours.

Certificate of Achievement (C.A.)

The C.A. is a college credential for students who have successfully completed designated medium-length technical-occupational-professional education credit course sequences which provide them with entry-level skills or job upgrading. These course sequences shall be at least 24 credit hours, but may not exceed 51 credit hours (unless external employment requirements exceed this number).

Certificate of Competence (C.O.)

The C.O. is a college credential for students who have successfully completed designated short-term credit or non-credit courses which provide them with job upgrading or entry-level skills. These course sequences shall be at least 4 credit hours, but may not exceed 23 credit hours. The issuance of a C.O. with non-credit courses requires that the student's work has been evaluated and determined to be satisfactory.