

Palm Beach State Awards Types and Definitions

Palm Beach State College awards associate and bachelor's degrees:

B.A.S. – Bachelor of Applied Science

B.S. – Bachelor of Science

A.A. – Associate in Arts

A.S. – Associate in Science

A.A.S. – Associate in Applied Science

The College offers certificate and diploma programs in a variety of fields:

ATC – Advanced Technical Certificate

ATD – Applied Technology Diploma

CCC – College Credit Certificate

PSAV – Post Secondary Adult Vocational Certificate

Through Corporate and Continuing Education, the College also offers noncredit courses in various fields to meet the learning and professional development need of the community.

Degrees

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

This degree is designed for students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree after earning an associate degree (or at least 60 hours with 15 hours of transferable general education) to gain career advancement.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

This degree is designed for students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree after earning an associate degree (or at least 60 hours with 15 hours of transferable general education) to gain career advancement.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

This degree is designed for students who wish to transfer to an upper division college or university.

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

This degree is designed for students who wish to enter the workforce in a skilled field.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

This degree is designed for students who wish to enter the workforce in a skilled field. Some programs are only available as an associate in applied science degree, while some degree programs are available with options for either an associate in science or associate in applied science degree. In this case, the associate in applied science degree has applied English and mathematics courses.

Certificates and Diplomas

ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

These certificate programs are designed for students who have already earned an associate degree. They provide advanced skills in a specific area to be studied.

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA

These programs are either clock-hour noncredit or credit hour based. They provide entry-level courses in a specific area that usually can be applied towards an associate in science or associate in applied science degree.

COLLEGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE

These programs provide the student with a set of technical skills in a specific area of study. Each college credit certificate applies towards an associate in science or associate in applied science degree.

POSTSECONDARY ADULT VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE

These are clock-hour based noncredit programs that provide the student with broad entry-level skills in the chosen field of study. Many of these programs can apply towards an associate in science or associate in applied science degree.