

ECC Degree/Diploma/Certificate options

ECC students will find a variety of degree/diploma/certificate options from which to choose.

Depending on your needs and future plans, you can pick the path that's right for you. Here's a quick overview:

- **Certificate** – A Certificate program includes career- or industry-specific courses totaling 48 or fewer credits. It is designed for those seeking entry-level employment.
- **Diploma** – A Diploma program includes general education and career- or industry-specific courses totaling 15-48 credits. It is designed to meet the personal or career goals of individual students by providing more advanced applied academic and hands-on training for those planning to enter the workforce after completing the requirements.
- **Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree** – This career-technical degree is for students interested in specialized areas of study. The AAS Degree meets requirements for entry into career fields for which the programs have been designed.
- **Associate of General Studies (AGS) Degree** – This career-technical degree is for students interested in an individualized course of study; it is not specifically designed to transfer to a four-year college or university.
- **Associate of Arts (AA) Degree** – This transferable degree is the one most commonly earned at ECC; it is for students who want to start at Ellsworth Community College and transfer their credits to complete a bachelor's degree (or other advanced degrees) elsewhere. The AA degree includes freshman and sophomore general education courses leading to upper division (junior) status at most four-year colleges and universities. There are a variety of "AA Emphases" (e.g., Accounting, Agriculture, Art, etc.) that can be customized for particular academic interests by selecting electives specific to that field of study.
- **Associate of Science (AS) Degree** – This transferable degree may include up to 16 hours of career/technical courses. Students interested in ECC's Engineering AS degree should work with an advisor at the institution to which they plan to transfer to ensure that all the credits will transfer seamlessly.
- **Associate of Professional Studies (APS) Degree** – This degree prepares students for transfer into aligned baccalaureate program or immediate related employment.

For more information about ECC's degree/diploma/certificate options, see the current College Catalog. Questions can also be directed to the ECC Admissions Office or an academic advisor.