

## 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) Transferable 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. Each student's coursework can be customized for particular academic interests by selecting electives specific to that field of study.
- **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.