

# Associate Degrees and Certificates

## Associate Degrees

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees are designed for students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree, although some programs fulfill occupational as well as personal goals. The Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) Degrees are designed as flexible degree plans that allow a student to take the classes needed for a variety of academic majors at a four-year institution of higher learning. The Associate of Science degree is usually used for various science, math, and engineering majors; and the Associate of Arts degree usually best fits all of the other transfer majors.

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree is designed for students who are planning employment following the awarding of the degree. However, some students graduating with an AAS transfer to four-year institutions to complete a baccalaureate degree. Students should be aware that some of the credits in the Associate of Applied Science may not transfer. Students should confer with advisors before making academic plans.

New Mexico Junior College offers the following associate degrees:

<b>AA</b>	<b>Associate of Arts</b>
	General Studies
	Early Childhood Education
<b>AS</b>	<b>Associate of Science</b>
	General Studies
<b>AAS</b>	<b>Associate of Applied Science</b>
	Animal Science
	Automotive Technology: ASSET
	Barbering
	Business
	Computer Information Systems
	Cosmetology
	Criminal Justice
	Entertainment & Music Technology
	Equine Industry & Training
	Farm & Ranch Management
	Nursing
	Welding

## Certificates

NMJC offers a broad array of occupational certificate programs that provide a course of study preparing students directly for employment or self-employment upon completion of the program. Most certificate programs are developed through the collaboration of NMJC faculty and industry leaders and employers who sit on Advisory Committees for the occupational disciplines.

NMJC is committed to maintaining the academic rigor and relevance of its occupational curriculum. The majority of our occupational programs have an advisory committee to provide occupational outlook information and give input to the curriculum, ensuring that students are learning the skills needed by industry. Whether the student is exploring career choices following high school, considering a major career move, or seeking new skills for advancement, a wide variety of training options are available through these certificate programs. Refer to the degree offerings to determine what certificates are offered.