

Graduation Information and Degrees

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Trinity Valley Community College grants the:

- (1) Associate of Arts Degree
- (2) Associate of Applied Science Degree
- (3) Certificate of Completion

The curricula for the Associate of Arts Degree are designed for the student planning to transfer to a senior college or university.

The Associate of Applied Science Degree is awarded for successful completion of a two-year prescribed workforce education curriculum.

The Certificate of Completion is awarded for successful completion of a specialized curriculum in a workforce education program of less than two years in length.

The Core Curriculum and General Education Philosophy and Rationale

The Core Curriculum at Trinity Valley Community College provides students with a solid foundation of knowledge and skills which will assist them throughout life. The core is based upon developing competencies in oral and written communication, reading comprehension and analysis, computer usage, critical thinking, and mathematics. The core encompasses a breadth of content and courses ranging from the humanities and liberal arts to the social and natural sciences and from the visual and performing arts to mathematics and computer science.

In addition to the core competencies, Trinity Valley Community College has established ten general education goals which specify knowledge and skills that students should gain from completing courses in the various component areas of the core curriculum. These goals are:

1. To communicate clearly and effectively in both oral and written English.
2. To improve reading skills focused on comprehending, analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating printed materials.
3. To understand mathematical information and utilize mathematical skills.
4. To demonstrate qualitative and quantitative critical thinking skills.
5. To understand and appreciate cultural and ethnic diversity.
6. To utilize computer based technology in accessing information, solving problems, and communicating.
7. To recognize and evaluate artistic achievements in the visual and performing arts.
8. To improve basic understanding of political, economic, and social systems.
9. To demonstrate knowledge of the physical universe and living systems.
10. To develop skills and strategies to become an engaged learner.

Based upon the knowledge and skills gained through the Core Curriculum and General Education program at Trinity Valley Community College, students should be more prepared to be informed and productive citizens as well as lifelong learners.