

GRADUATION INFORMATION AND DEGREES

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Trinity Valley Community College grants the:

- (1) Associate of Arts Degree (2) Certificate of Completion

The curricula for the Associate of Arts Degree is designed for the student planning to transfer to a senior college or university. The AA Degree is awarded for successful completion of academic work at Trinity Valley Community College.

The Certificate of Completion is awarded for successful completion of a specialized curriculum in an occupational program consisting of 3 eight-week cycles. The certificate of completion is not designed for transfer.

The Associate of Arts Degree

1. Completion of a minimum of 64 semester hours of credit.
2. Completion of the following requirements:

COMPONENT AREA	COURSES	CREDIT HRS.
Communication	ENGL 1301 & 1302	6
	One course from: SPCH 1311, 1321; SPAN ¹ 1411, 1412	3 or 4
Mathematics	One course from: MATH 1314, 1316, 1332, 1333	3 ²
Natural Sciences	Two Laboratory Science courses from: BIOL 1406, 1407	8
Humanities	One course from: HUMA 1301; PHIL 1301, 1316, 1317, 2303, 2306	3
Visual & Performing Arts	One course from: ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DRAM 1310,	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences	HIST 1301, 1302 GOVT 2301, 2302 One course from: PSYC 2301, 2314, 2315; SOVI 1301, 2301; ECON 2301, 2302	6 6 3
Computer Science	One course from: COSC 1301, ITSC 1309 or higher approved computer science course	3
Elective Credit	Additional courses to complete 64 semester credit hours	24

1 – For students who choose a laboratory foreign language course, the one hour lab will count as elective credit.

2 – 6 hours are required for transfer to a 4-year program within TDCJ

3. Completion of an elective which must be chosen from disciplines outside the student's area of specialization.
4. Complete eighteen (18) semester hours in residence prior to graduation.
5. A grade point average of 2.0 on all courses attempted at the post-secondary level.
6. Complete THEA requirements.

The Certificate of Completion

1. Completion of the prescribed curriculum for technical-vocational programs outlined in this catalog.
2. **A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the courses presented to meet the requirements for the certificate.** If students were not allowed to participate in the next scheduled graduation ceremony because they are no longer in the custody of TDCJ, they may petition the Vice President of Instruction to participate in the next scheduled graduation ceremony on the Athens campus.
3. Students enrolled in certificate programs will enroll in three eight-week cycles. Per successful completion of the three eight-week cycles, the student will receive a certificate of completion.

The Certificate of Completion—Continuing Education Vocational Programs

1. Completion of the prescribed curriculum for continuing education vocational programs.
2. A passing grade (“P”) is required to meet the requirements for the continuing education certificate. The continuing education certificate is a non-credit certificate and cannot be substituted for semester credit hours.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT OUTCOMES

To meet the requirements of accreditation and to provide for continuing program and operational development and evaluation, Trinity Valley Community College must assess all programs, both academic and occupational, on the basis of students’ outcomes. To assess such outcomes, students may be required to take additional examinations, participate in surveys, and/or provide samples of their work throughout their stay at Trinity Valley Community College.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Once a student accumulates a sufficient number of hours toward an associates degree, they will be sent a “Graduation Application” to be completed and returned to the Enrollment Coordinator in partial fulfillment of graduation requirements. The deadline is February 7 for May graduation. Formal commencement exercises are not held in December or August; therefore, students completing graduation requirements during the Fall or Summer must participate in the commencement exercises in May.

Students must be approved to participate in commencement exercises by TDCJ/WSD Officials. Students will be given one opportunity to participate in the next scheduled graduation ceremony. If a graduate chooses not to participate or is denied permission to participate in the graduation ceremony, no other opportunity will be afforded.

If a graduate is not allowed to participate in the next scheduled graduation ceremony because he is no longer in the custody of TDCJ, he may contact the Vice-President of Instruction to participate in the next scheduled graduation ceremony on the Athens campus.

A student may make application for graduation under provisions of the current catalog or meet the graduation requirements of the catalog under which he entered Trinity Valley Community College, provided that the catalog is dated no more than five years previous to the expected date of graduation.

Graduates successfully completing the A.A. Degree may be eligible to participate in TDCJ/WSD Bachelors Degree Programs on other TDCJ units. Contact your unit’s WSD Counselor or Principal for information.