

BOARD OF GOVERNORS (AAS)

The Board of Governors Associate of Applied Science Degree is a flexible degree completion opportunity designed for busy adults who want to earn a college degree. It can save countless hours and dollars by awarding college credit for work and life experiences. Adults can construct an individualized educational degree plan by combining:

- Previously earned college credits
- Credit earned for work and life experiences
- Credits awarded through standardized testing (CLEP, DAN TES, etc.)
- Traditional or distance courses offered through West Virginia's community and technical colleges.

The Board of Governors Associate of Applied Science requires 60 credit hours. These hours include 21 credit hours of General Education courses in communications, social science, computer literacy, and math/science. The remainder consists of 39 credit hours of General Electives that may be met through an individual education plan.

The Board of Governors Associate of Applied Science Degree is a nontraditional program specifically devised for adult learners to meet occupational goals and employment requirements, to establish professional credentials, or to achieve personal goals. This degree program provides the opportunity for adult learners to gain credit for earlier learning experiences via licenses, certificates, military duty, and other non-collegiate sources, while assuring maximum credit transferability.

Through the Board of Governors Associate of Applied Science Degree program, adult students can establish deserved credentials, achieve a personal sense of accomplishment, and position themselves for advancement into a baccalaureate program. The degree program also provides educational access and degree opportunities for adults who have deferred or interrupted their educational plans. This program provides the base level of the educational ladder for adults to accomplish educational advancement, as well as to develop self-confidence and to gain an incentive to move toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree. This associate degree program is designed to articulate with the West Virginia Board of Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree.

The Board of Governors Associate of Applied Science requires 60 credit hours, which include a general education core of 21 credit hours and 39 credit hours of general electives. Optional features include a capstone experience and a defined area of emphasis selected from a broad range of content areas. Prospective students should talk with college advisors regarding New River Community and Technical College specific requirements to earn this degree. Students are eligible for admission to the program two years after graduation from high school. In the case of those passing a high school equivalency examination, admission must be two years after their high school class has graduated.

REQUIRED COURSES Board of Governors Total Degree Hours: 60

General Education		
Number	Title	Hrs
	Communications	6
	Mathematics/Science*	6
	Computer Literacy	3
	Social Sciences	6
Total General Education Hours		21

*One course must be a Mathematics course

General Electives	
Course work distributed among general courses, including (if applicable) credit hours for optional area of emphasis, portfolio, and capstone course.	39
Total Semester Hours	60