

Community College of Philadelphia

Applied Studies

College Credit for Your Experience

Do you have expertise in a career field or professional area? Whether you want a degree to reach a personal goal or for job advancement, Applied Studies offers an exciting prospect. The program awards college credit for specialized knowledge gained through experience or training. It recognizes the value of your experience and work as a part of college learning.

“In the view of most Americans, a college education has now taken on the importance that a high school education had in the past and has become a necessary ingredient for a good job and comfortable lifestyle.”

— *The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education*

The Applied Studies program is designed for people who do not have a degree and allows them to earn one through a unique and tailored approach. It provides an opportunity to earn a degree that recognizes the value of your experience and builds on it with a strong academic core. The curriculum is based upon Liberal Arts, workforce skills and an individualized area of concentration. You can develop a program directly related to your career or educational preference.

The Applied Studies program offers:

- a broad range of Liberal Arts courses, an important component of a college education
- an area of concentration customized to your knowledge
- up to 18 block credits awarded for your established expertise

- course options you choose based on your goals
- an affordable approach to a college degree

With guidance, you create a portfolio that demonstrates your college-level learning. The portfolio of your experience determines the number of credits you receive.

In the portfolio, you:

- describe your expertise
- explain what you have learned from your experience
- document how your learning relates to your area of study
- analyze, classify or draw conclusions from your experience

The Applied Studies degree helps you make the most of your experience.



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Career Paths

Within the Applied Studies program, students choose 15 credits of directed electives in three areas that are essential workforce skills: communications, critical thinking and technology.

Competence in interpersonal and professional communications enhances a student's ability to work effectively. Critical thinking enables a student to analyze, synthesize and reach an independent judgment. It also prepares him or her to solve problems using inquiry. Technology is an essential tool to sense, record, organize, communicate, analyze, display and disseminate information.

Technology topics can include Architecture, Automotive Technology, Computer-Assisted Design, Computer Forensics, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Construction Technology, Dietetics, Electronics, Engineering and Photographic Imaging.

According to the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education:

- 84 percent of Americans say that it is extremely or very important to have a college degree in order to get ahead
- 66 percent of those who did not go to college wish that they had, and 62 percent of those who did not go to college feel that higher education would have made a significant difference in their current standard of living

The Applied Studies Program

The A.A.S. in Applied Studies is designed to provide college credits and a well-rounded education.

College Information

Visit the College Website at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

Academic Programs

www.ccp.edu/site/academic/

Admissions Process

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php

Transfer Agreements

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/

Financial Aid

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/

Scholarships and Awards

www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/

College Life

www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/

Directions to the College

www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

The Applied Studies program teaches students a number of important skills:

- applying abstract thinking to everyday life
- viewing topics in a larger context
- techniques for study and research
- self-assessment skills

Admission to the College

We accept students on an open enrollment basis, meaning that applications are accepted at all times of the year. For registration information, call **215-751-8010** or e-mail admissions@ccp.edu.

Affirmative Action Statement

Community College of Philadelphia is committed to the principles of equal employment and equal educational opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, ancestry, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation/preference, religion, sex, disability or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era, in the administration of its educational programs, activities, or employment in accordance with applicable Federal statutes and regulations. Any questions regarding this statement should be directed to the Director, Office of Diversity and Equity located in room M2-36; telephone number 215-751-8039.