

Apprenticeship Programs

Apprenticeship programs do not require advisory committee and regional consortia minutes, but do require labor market information and analysis, and an approval letter from the [California Division of Apprenticeship Standards](#) (DAS).

If a CTE program is designed to provide transfer preparation, as a component of or as the primary intent of the degree, then it must include at least one of the following documents to substantiate the alignment of the degree with transfer preparation standards. Appropriate documentation may include, but is not limited to, any of the following that sufficiently demonstrate this requirement:

- Programmatic articulation agreements
- ASSIST documentation (Within the last five years) verifying that a majority (51 percent or greater) of required courses in the program are articulated for the major (AAM) at the single baccalaureate institutions to which the program’s students may be likely to transfer
- Table of major requirements from the most recent catalogs, with catalog dates and page numbers cited, for targeted transfer institutions showing crosswalk with California Community Colleges program requirements
- Summary of lower division major preparation published or endorsed by relevant professional bodies or programmatic accreditors, with citations included
- Formal letters from the intended receiving institution that verify alignment of proposed program with its program curriculum

Local Degrees: Associate Degree of Art and Associate Degree of Science

The standards for all associate degrees are set forth in Title 5, § 55063. These include demonstrated competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics, and satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of degree-applicable credit course work in a major or area of emphasis, GE, and elective courses, if needed to meet the minimum unit requirement. All associate degrees with the exception of ADTs and CTE degrees are considered “local” for the purposes of submission to the Chancellor’s Office. However, this designation may include degrees intended to prepare students for transfer to a particular baccalaureate program or major. The “local” designation is limited to the submission and approval process and has no bearing on how these degrees are tracked for other purposes.

Degree Standards

Associate degrees classified as “Local” must meet the following standards:

- Minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Minimum 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in major or area of emphasis as described in Title 5, § 55063(a)
- Any GE pattern allowed by regulations, as determined by the college