MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

Certificate vs. Associate Degree What's the Difference?

Certificates

- Certificates of Achievement and Skills Certificates available
- Focuses on career and technical skills
- Courses are primarily in the area of study (e.g. Child Development, Welding, Accounting, Supply Chain, etc.
- At least 1/2 of the credits earned towards the certificate must be completed at Mt. SAC
- Also available, **Certificates of Competency and Occupational Training Certificates of Completion** for certain non-credit programs of study.

Major Courses Only

Associate Degrees

- Associate of Science (AS) focuses on career & technical skills
- Associate of Arts (AA) is designed to meet the needs of students interested in graduating with a two-year college degree by studying in a specific area of emphasis.
- Associate of Science-Transfer (AS-T) & Associate of Arts-Transfer (AA-I) supports transfer to a CSU by completing half of the Bachelor's degree at Mt. SAC.

AS/AA DEGREE AS-T/AA-T DEGREE



Major Courses

General Education Courses