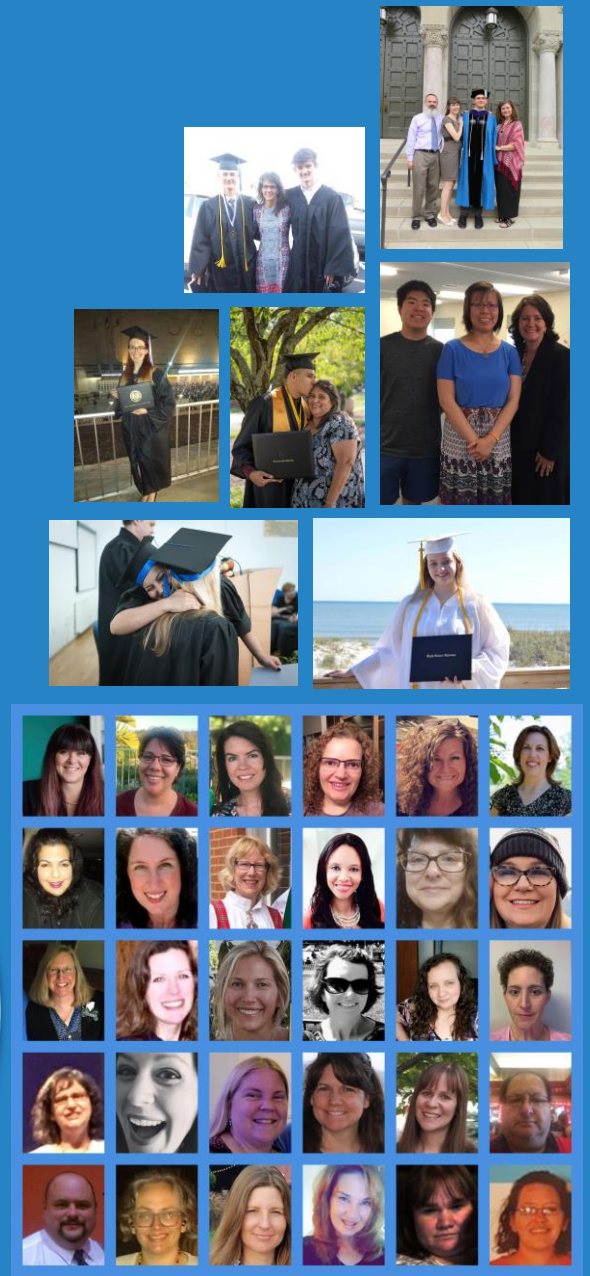
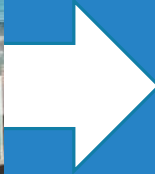
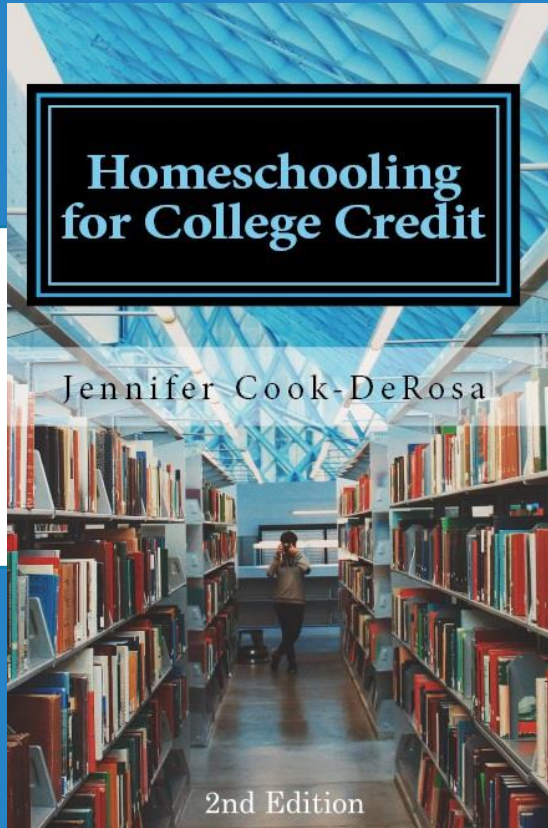




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# HOMESCHOOLING FOR COLLEGE CREDIT



# WORKSHOP AT HOME

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES IN HS

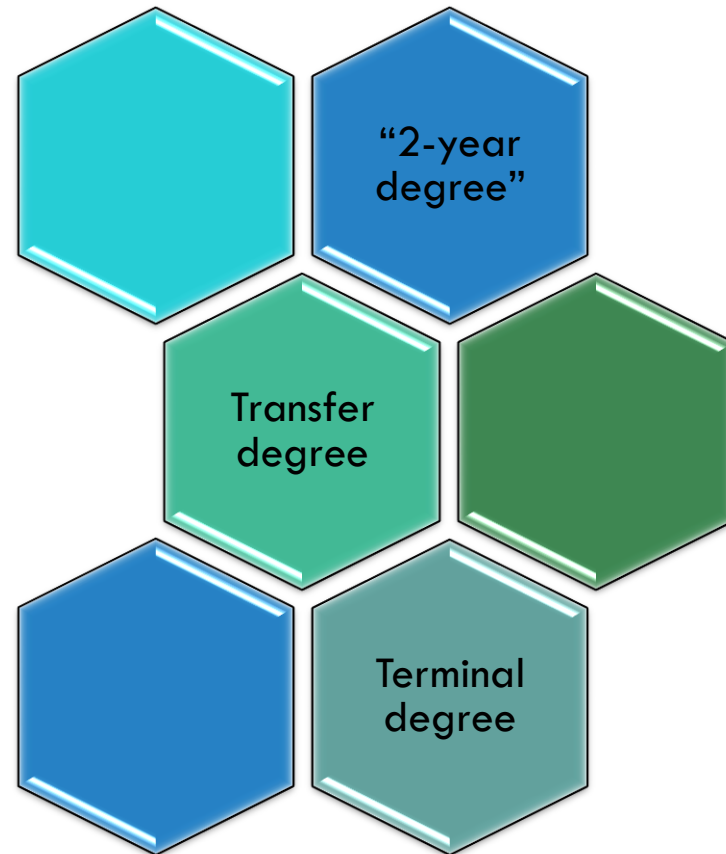
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# WHAT IS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE?



# 2 TYPES OF ASSOCIATE DEGREES

*NOT THE SAME!!*

## Terminal Degree

Yes career training

Occupation, license, certification

**Mostly area of study courses**

3-5 general education courses

“Special bachelor’s degrees”

60-85 credits (2-3 years full time)

- English Composition
- Mathematics
- Area of Study

## Transfer Degree

No career training

**Mostly general education courses**

~60 credits (2 years full time)

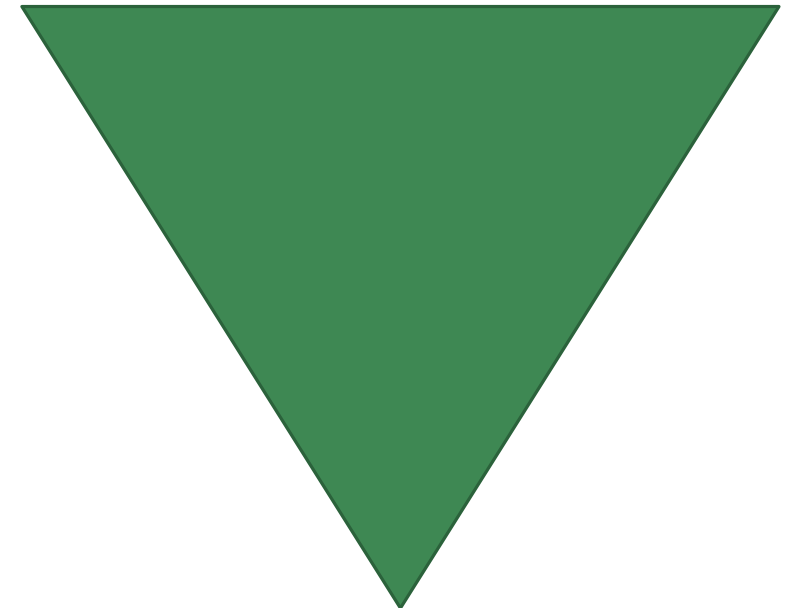
- English Composition
- Oral Communication
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Natural Sciences
- Humanities
- Social Science
- Area of Study/Electives

# OCCUPATIONS WHERE TERMINAL DEGREES ARE THE STANDARD INTEGRATED CERTIFICATION, LICENSURE, APPRENTICESHIP

- Automotive Technician
- Radio/Cell Tower Installer
- Medical Equipment Repair
- Desktop Publisher
- Food Science Technician
- Dietetic Technician
- Broadcast Technician
- Conservation Technician
- Medical Lab Technician
- Executive Chef
- Court Reporter
- Paramedic
- Fire & Rescue
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Massage Therapist

- Funeral Service Worker
- Nuclear Technician
- Dental Hygienist
- Medical Sonographer
- MRI Technologist
- Web Developer
- Electrical Technician
- Avionics Technician
- Respiratory Therapists
- Therapy Assistants
- Paralegal
- Mechanical Drafter
- Veterinary Technician
- Pharmacy Technician
- Medical Assistant

Learning the skill, practicing the skill,  
preparing for certification, licensure,  
apprenticeship



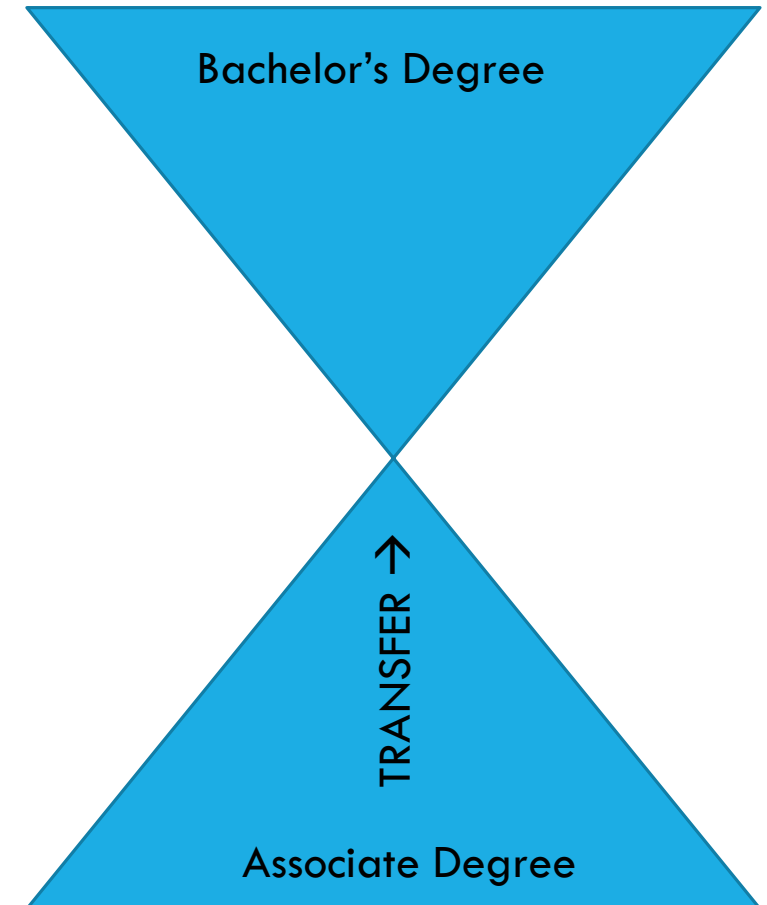
Gen eds.

# OCCUPATIONS WHERE BACHELOR'S DEGREES ARE EXPECTED

## THIS MAY ALLOW FOR A TRANSFER ASSOCIATE DEGREE FIRST

- Accountant
- Actuaries
- Aerospace Engineers
- Animal Scientists
- Athletic trainer
- Budget analyst
- Chemists
- Computer Engineer
- Computer Systems Analyst
- Database Administrator
- Dietitian / Nutritionist
- Electrical Engineer
- Elementary School Teacher
- Forensic Scientist

- High School Teacher
- Librarian
- Loan Officer
- Logistician
- Middle School Teacher
- Museum
- Registered Nurse
- Sales Engineer
- Sales Manager
- Scientist
- Special Education Teacher
- Technical Writer
- Vocational Education Teacher
- Zoologist



# OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCH DON'T GUESS NEVER USE COLLEGE WEBSITES

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh>





# EARNED DURING HIGH SCHOOL OR AFTER?

## PROS during High School

Parent led

Free or reduced cost

Can be earned through dual enrollment

Shaves 2 years off a 4-year degree

Immediate work/career

Academic challenge

Retain freshman applicant status/FAFSA

Big accomplishment!

## PROS after High School

College takes the lead

Access to financial aid and scholarships

Does not disrupt homeschool schedule

Does not disrupt graduation requirements

Allows teen additional time to mature

Not in school with adults

Employer reimbursement programs

Access to remedial / developmental courses

# EARNED DURING HIGH SCHOOL OR AFTER?

## CONS during High School

- Dual enrollment not free everywhere
- No access to financial aid or scholarships
- Will dictate homeschool schedule
- Transportation challenges
- Teen may not have goals yet
- In school with adults
- May restrict teen's options
- Harder to change mind

## CONS after High School

- You will pay full price tuition
- May take longer than planned
- Community college completion rate is low
- Student may grow impatient
- Lack of parental involvement
- Student may feel left out of the experience if friends “go away” to college

# WHEN IS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IS A GOOD PLAN?

★ **YES** Because this degree prepares my teen *directly* for work in a trade and may include certifications, licensure, or apprenticeship.

- Result at graduation: begin working.

★ **YES** Because this degree is part of a written articulation agreement or transfer program between a 2-year college into a 4-year college.

- Result at graduation: complete the remaining 2 years at university.

★ **YES** Because this degree is the only one my teen will earn.

- Result at graduation: N/A

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*EXCEPTION: An exception exists when a student is participating in a "reverse transfer" program, but that kind of program is only available to high school graduates enrolled in a bachelor's degree program.*

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**SOLUTION:** Colleges that are not part of a transfer program will always evaluate credits based on their original source. You can't "credit launder" courses- they are never hidden inside a degree. As such, choose a college from the start that will accept your credit or be prepared to repeat it.

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Thank you!  
Time for your **QUESTIONS**