# **General Science**



The General Science program provides students with a strong foundation in both science and mathematics. This program of study is appropriate for students interested in studying health-related careers, pre-pharmacy, biology, physical science or pre-engineering. The curriculum design is flexible, allowing a student to select an academic option that will be specific for his/her academic goal.

Upon completion of the General Science program, graduates will have acquired practical knowledge and skills for continuing education or employment in related fields.

#### **Educational Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the General Science program, the graduate is expected to:

- Demonstrate competency in accessing scientific information using basic scientific references and literature:
- Be capable of critical thinking and problem solving within his/her area of expertise;
- Demonstrate competency with laboratory techniques commonly encountered in an undergraduate laboratory setting;
- Demonstrate clear and organized written and oral skills in, and in reporting and explaining results of experiments;
- Apply the core concepts of introductory sciences to real world problems which require integrating these concepts to achieve the best solutions.
- Use their scientific educational experiences to provide a solid foundation for further study of the sciences or related fields.



## **Program Mission**

The mission of the Associate in Science degree in General Science is to provide students with a strong foundation in science and mathematics, thereby allowing the student the opportunity to transfer to a university in pursuit of a bachelor's degree, transfer to another community college program, or earn better entrance into a science related career.

#### **Transfer Outlook**

Many students in the General Science program will continue their studies by transferring into a health or science degree program. Students should check the requirements of the transfer institution and meet with career and academic/transfer counselors for specific program planning.

### Career Opportunities

- Animal Care and Research Facilities
- Agricultural Research Facilities
- Bioscience Laboratories
- Biotechnology Companies
- Quality Control
- Plant Propagation and Greenhouse Facilities



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## **General Science - Associate in Science Degree**

### **Pre-Pharmacy Option**

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites (Co-requisites)
FIRST SEMESTER			
 BIO101	Biology I	4	See below
 BIO125	Health Science Seminar	1	
 CHE112	General Chemistry I	4	(MAT117 or equivalent mathematical aptitude)
 ENG101	College Composition	3	Placement test
 MAT226	Precalculus	4	Minimum grade of "C" in MAT117
SECOND	<u>SEMESTER</u>		
 BIO102	Biology II	4	Minimum grade of "C" in BIO101
 CHE115	General Chemistry II	4	Minimum grade of "C" in CHE112
 COM104	Introduction to Communication	3	
 MAT227	Calculus I	4	MAT218 or MAT226
THIRD SE	MESTER		
 BIO213	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Min. Accuplacer reading score of 80, completion of LEAP seminar, or successful completion of a college level laboratory science course
 CHE211	Organic Chemistry I	4	Minimum grade of "C" in CHE115
 ENG218	Advanced Technical Writing	3	A grade of "C" or higher in ENG101 or ENG108
 MAT220	Statistics	3	Minimum grade of "C" in MAT117
 PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3	
FOURTH:	<u>SEMESTER</u>		
 BIO214	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	Minimum grade of "C" in BIO213
 CHE212	Organic Chemistry II	4	Minimum grade of "C" in CHE211
 PHI110	Introduction to Contemporary Ethics	3	
 	Fine Arts or Language Elective	3	
	TOTAL CREDITS	62	

BIO101 prerequisite: Successful completion of a high school or adult education biology (within the past 5 years), satisfactory performance on the departmental placement test, or permission of instructor.

#### **Criteria for Graduation**

Students must complete 62 credits in the General Science degree - Pre-Pharmacy option and achieve a minimum grade of "C" in all courses. Students must attain a final GPA of 2.0 or higher.

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