

# Awards Conferred by Calhoun Community College

**Associate of Science Degree:** The Associate of Science (A.S.) degree in General Studies is the award conferred on students who wish to transfer to an Alabama senior institution and pursue a Bachelor's Degree (B.S. or B.A.) The Associate's degree is comprised of five areas (Area I-V) intended to provide the student with a foundation of general education courses in Areas I-IV and more specific courses that provide a base in the pre-major area of study in Area V.

**Associate of Applied Science Degree:** The Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree is the award conferred on students who wish to complete two years of education at the community college level and then enter the workforce. While many courses taken in an A.A.S. degree program will transfer to an Alabama senior institution, the degree is not designed as a transfer degree.

**Certificate:** The certificate is the award conferred on students who wish to train or retrain in a specific field or skill and enter or re-enter the workplace with a new or more advanced skill set.