

The Counseling Departments Invites Students to Consider Educational Options at College of the Canyons

Certificates of Achievement or Specialization

There are 2 kinds of certificates offered at College of the Canyons. Certificates of Achievement are offered by the college and noted on the College of the Canyons transcript. Certificates of Specialization are offered by individual departments. Certificate programs provide entry level job skills and may provide additional skill sets needed for a career change or promotional opportunities. Certificate programs are a perfect way to learn focused information in a specific subject area. Students complete courses in a chosen area of study only. Because there are no general education courses required for Certificates, completing a Certificate program usually requires a shorter time commitment than Associate Degree or transfer programs. For a complete list of Certificate programs offered at College of the Canyons, visit the counseling department website www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/ View the tutorial on “How do I choose next semester’s classes to earn a Certificate” for more information: www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/Tutorials.asp

Associate Degree

An Associate degree is the degree awarded by community colleges. An Associate degree is comprised of courses in a selected major, general education courses, electives and at least 60 Associate degree units with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Associate Degrees can be focused toward a Career Technology Education major, meaning students will transition into a specific career field or focused on a transfer major, meaning that students may want to transfer to continue their studies and earn a higher level degree after earning the Associate degree. For a complete list of Associate degree majors offered at College of the Canyons, visit the counseling department website: www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/ To see the courses needed to earn an Associate Degree, view the tutorial: www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/Tutorials.asp

Transfer to a 4 year college or university:

If planning to earn a Bachelor degree, students can complete 60 transferable units or more at College of the Canyons, then transfer to the 4 year university to finish the remaining Bachelor degree requirements. The goal of transfer students is to complete a general education pattern of courses, the admission requirements of the transfer university, and the required lower division major preparation courses so that the students can transfer as juniors to the university. Students complete the upper division courses and unit requirements for the Bachelor degree at the university. In California, there are 2 public university systems: the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC). The general education pattern of courses for CSU is outlined on the CSUGE handout. To choose your classes for CSU transfer view the tutorial: “How to choose my Classes for CSU Transfer.” The general education pattern of courses for UC is outlined on the IGETC handout. To learn about the classes for transfer to the CSU view the tutorial: “How to choose my Classes for CSU Transfer”. The handouts with general education transfer courses can be found in the Counseling Office and on the counseling department website www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/ The online tutorials are found on the Counseling department website: www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/Tutorials.asp