



Earning a College Degree from Your CareerTech Work

The AAS in Applied Technology at OSU-OKC

Oklahoma's CareerTech system delivers high-intensity technical training that often culminates in industry-recognized certifications. The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Applied Technology at Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City (OSU-OKC) recognizes that work and converts it into substantial college credit, allowing CareerTech completers to move efficiently toward a 60-credit-hour degree.

Who is eligible

Credit toward the AAS in Applied Technology may be awarded when each of the following conditions is met:

1. The student has completed an Oklahoma CareerTech program in an occupational area aligned with their credential.
2. The student holds a current, valid industry-recognized certification associated with that CareerTech program, drawn from OSU-OKC's approved credential inventory.
3. The student is admitted to OSU-OKC and has declared the AAS in Applied Technology as their degree program.

How credit is calculated

Credit is awarded in proportion to the documented length of the CareerTech program, using a simple formula based on the student's official CareerTech transcript:

$$\text{Total CareerTech program hours} \div 40 = \text{credit hours awarded (capped at 30 credits)}$$

Example: A student who completes a 960-hour CareerTech program and holds the associated industry-recognized certification receives 24 credit hours toward the AAS.

The remaining credits needed to complete the 60-hour degree are earned through general education and program coursework at OSU-OKC, much of which can be completed online or in a flexible format suited to working adults and recent CareerTech graduates.

How credit appears on the transcript

Credit awarded under this pathway is recorded as GPA-neutral transfer credit, consistent with OSU-OKC policy, and applies as technical/applied credit toward the AAS in Applied Technology. Because it is GPA-neutral, it does not count toward campus residency-hour requirements. Where a CareerTech program is paired with an industry-recognized certification, that certification is noted alongside the awarded credit on the student record.

Credit is posted after the student has completed initial enrollment and the minimum OSU-OKC coursework required by campus policy. The specific credit total assigned to a given student is confirmed through institutional review and the OSU-OKC advising process.



Next steps

1. Request an official transcript of CareerTech program hours from the technology center attended.
2. Gather current documentation of the relevant industry-recognized certification(s).
3. Apply for admission to OSU-OKC and declare the AAS in Applied Technology as the degree program.
4. Schedule an advising appointment to review the credential portfolio and confirm the credit award.

Questions? Contact **Maribeth Dawson**, Advisor, at maribeth.dawson@okstate.edu or **405-945-8678** for questions regarding eligibility, the credential inventory, or the application process.