

NCTC Advising FAQ Accounting and Business

[Associate of Arts Pathways](#) and [Career and Technical Programs](#)

1. What degrees and certificates are offered?

At NCTC we have both associate degrees and certificates available for students who are interested in pursuing careers in business:

- Associate of Arts-Accounting, Business, and Economics Pathway: <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/degree-transfer-pathways/association-of-arts/accounting-business-economics.pdf>
- Associate of Applied Science-Accounting (Bookkeeping and Staff Accountant Emphases): <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/curricula-career-technical-education/accounting/associate-degree-accounting.html>
- Associate of Applied Science-Business Management: <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/curricula-career-technical-education/business-management/business-management-degree.html>
- Accounting Technician Certificate: <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/curricula-career-technical-education/accounting/accounting-level-one-certificate.html>
- Business Management Certificate: <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/curricula-career-technical-education/business-management/business-management-level-1-workforce-certificate.html>

2. What can I do with these majors?

- **AA-Accounting Business and Economics Pathway:** this degree plan is designed to prepare students for transfer to a 4-year university to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree. The degree plan provides students with a guide of all general education/core classes, and pre-business electives required (on average, check with your transfer university to confirm) for transfer.
- **AAS Accounting or Business Management:** these degree plans are more centered on workforce and professional skills, and are comprised of about 75% technical coursework and 25% core (though all core is financial aid eligible if students decide to take past the required courses.) These degree plans are geared towards students whose primary goals are to enter the workforce, or who are already in these fields and want to further develop their skillset. These degrees are transferable in to BAAS degrees with select university partners: <https://ntxccc.org/pathways>
- **Accounting Technician and Business Management Certificates:** these are one-year workforce certificates. The certificates do have the ability to be transferred in to the respective AAS degree for further education. The one-year certificates are professional, workforce training, and are not transferable in to a 4-year BBA degree plan.

3. How can I decide which major is best for me?

The best way to determine which pathway (AA vs. AAS vs. Certificate) is best for you is to think about your short and long-term goals. If your goal is university transfer, and you are looking for the most flexible, transferable option, the AA is best for you. If your goal is to enter the workforce, and a 4-year degree is either not a current or immediate goal, the AAS or Certificate programs will provide professional training and experience that is instantly applicable, as well as buildable in the future.

4. What do I need to know about my core and pre-requisites for the AA pathway?

- Please take MATH 1324 as your core math if possible.
 - TWU, TTU, UTD, TAMU all require this course in their degree plans. UNT is not picky, but if a student is able to, please encourage them to take this course instead of MATH 1314 for their Business Calculus prerequisite.
 - UT-Austin is special. They will either want Calculus 1 and 2, or Business Calculus 1 and 2. Collin College is the only local CC offering Business Calculus 2.
- If a student took MATH 1314 but needs MATH 1324, but does not have elective space to support it, it will not be covered by financial aid. There is no existing degree plan that lists it as a solo degree requirement, so having MATH 1314 will disqualify 1324 from FA coverage.
- BCIS 1305 and MATH 1342 are the two electives that do not always show up in transfer plans. If a student is undecided, I usually recommend saving these for later.
- Pre-business electives are MATH 1314/1324, MATH 1325, MATH 1342, BCIS 1305, ECON 2301/2302, ACCT 2301/2302. These will need to be a C or higher in order to be applied towards a university's school of business. There may be additional C or higher requirements based on university.
- Aside from these notes, BBA plans are super broad at our level, and don't really have many specifics to work around. The rest of the core aside from Math and Social Behavioral Sciences can be whatever the student wants it to be.

5. Can I use my Financial Aid?

Yes! As long as you are staying on plan and taking courses required for your major. You will work with your advisor to create an academic plan that works best for you.

6. Are these majors and programs transferable?

All NCTC undergraduate credits can be transferred to other Texas schools as well as out of state, but the question to ask is, “What major at my intended university needs these specific credits”? Core will fulfill core curriculum requirements, but it is important to check the degree plan at the university you plan to attend to know what classes are needed and to see which of your NCTC credits will fulfill those requirements.

Transfer Guides are a good source for knowing how your classes can transfer. Here are some great resources from area universities:

- **UNT:** <https://registrar.unt.edu/transfer-guides>
- **TWU:** <https://twu.edu/transfer-resources/texas-community-college-transfer-guides/>
- **MSU Texas (Midwestern):** <https://msutexas.edu/admissions/equivalencies.php>

The Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) will transfer to several North Texas universities through AAS to BAAS (Bachelor’s of Applied Arts and Sciences programs. This applies to all of the AAS degree listed above. For more information please review the AAS to BAAS Guided Pathways: http://ntxccc.org/pathways?field_aas_school_tid%5B%5D=7 . Certificates do not transfer directly to a university, but they do all feed directly into the correlating AAS degree program. Then, once you have completed the AAS, you may transfer into a BAAS program.

Working with both your advisor at NCTC and a transfer advisor at your intended transfer institution is important to make sure the process is as seamless as possible.

7. How long will it take to complete this degree?

Certificate plans are designed to be completed in 1 year (3 semesters). The AA and AAS degree plans typically take 2 years; however, students are welcome to take classes at their own pace, just keep in mind this will impact your graduation timeline AND certain courses are only offered in certain semesters, once a year. Remember we have all these [different semesters and ways for you to combine classes](#) throughout the year!

- Summer terms offer 5.5 or 10-week options
- Fall and Spring terms offer 16 and 8-week options
- Wintermester and Maymester courses are 4-5 weeks

How many classes you take each semester depends on other commitments such as work hours, travel time, and/or family responsibilities, however the important thing is that you keep going and take classes in the best combination for you to complete successfully! Here are some things to consider when determining how to balance your school schedule with other variables in your life:

$$(Clock\ Hours\ of\ the\ Course^*) \times (2-3\ Study\ Hours) \% (Number\ of\ Weeks\ in\ the\ Semester\ or\ Term^{**}) = Total\ Weekly\ Time\ Commitment\ for\ School$$

*The “Clock Hours” of a course can be found in “Find Courses” section of MyNCTC after you click on a specific course name/number. Most 3-hour courses are around 48 Clock Hours.

**Number of Weeks in a Course.

9. How can I complete this degree? Can it be done online and/or is this degree campus specific?

Most of the courses in these majors can be done online, and some of the in-person options for Accounting and Business are specific to the Corinth and Flower Mound campuses. However you can choose to take any in-person or hybrid course options you like along with your online classes!

10. Will the credits I have from another college be applied to this degree and how do I apply them?

This will vary, pending on where and when you took them, and whether or not the courses you took apply to your major or pathway. To have your transcripts evaluated to transfer in any applicable credits, you will need to complete a [Transcript Evaluation Request](#). Transfer credits are NOT automatically evaluated and applied. While you are waiting on your transcripts to be evaluated, you are able to work with your advisor to verify pre-requisites and to pick classes you don't possibly have credit for already.

11. Which [NCTC advisor](#) or faculty can I contact for more information?

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12. Where can I access the recording of the Accounting and Business Q&A session with NCTC advisors and faculty?

Just click the image below or visit [NCTC Student Life on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfeatnctc) to locate any number of great videos!

