

Bachelor of Applied Science

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the BAS degree program will have the knowledge and skills to:

- Understand the social responsibilities of being a member of a professional community and the ethical values which are integral to personal and professional success.
- Identify and access information and be able to interpret, summarize, synthesize and convey this information to others using a variety of technology platforms.
- Understand the key concepts and be able to demonstrate the ability to apply the latest knowledge, techniques, concepts and tools of a profession to solve problems and address the needs of society, organizations and individual clients.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship of professionals to society at large, the role of the professional as part of that society and the ability to analyze how changes in technology will impact the future of their profession and its relationship with society.
- Demonstrate skills and abilities in critical thinking, creativity, communication and analysis to facilitate career progression in their profession.

Accreditation

The program has been approved by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bachelor of Applied Science is to fulfill and to extend the mission and philosophy of Great Basin College by providing a distinctive baccalaureate degree that builds upon the technical skills and knowledge acquired in attaining an Associate of Applied Science and, in particular cases, an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree. In this endeavor, the program is designed to instill abilities and qualities of competence, personal communication, management, and decision making within a broader context than a single vocation. The program will build on the individual's current vocational abilities and provide additional managerial skills within a specific field of emphasis. Those completing the program should then be prepared to competently and efficiently engage their chosen vocational field as either highly trained technicians or effective managers.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Program is to provide a quality and affordable four-year degree to residents of rural Nevada. This degree is particularly suited to accommodate working adults whose schedules may be limited due to work and time constraints.

Contact Information

Bachelor of Applied Science degree program, 775.753.2104.

About the Program

Greater Accessibility

The program is designed for students who have previously completed an associate's degree at an accredited college or university. There are currently four emphases: Digital Information Technology; Instrumentation; Management in Technology; and Land Surveying/Geomatics; and one emphasis pending approval, Graphic Communications. These are particularly attractive to employers of the school's service area and provide an avenue of continuing education for all persons with work experience to complete a baccalaureate degree at Great Basin College.

Meets Employer Demand

The program is intended to build on the student's associate degree curricula, work experience, and maturity. It will provide the student with communication and problem solving skills, management and organizational theories and practice, and a broad liberal arts view of the world and workplace. This training is designed to prepare students for employment in demanding management positions, depending on the emphasis a student selects. The focus in the curriculum on the values of lifelong learning and positive human relation skills will be especially beneficial to graduates of this program.

Program Strengths

This degree program addresses many of the widely acknowledged deficiencies of the traditional bachelor's education. It represents a shift away from a narrow-focused, speciality program to a broader approach with courses taught by colleagues from across all disciplines at the College. This strategic adjustment allows our students to experience a broader array of values and attitudes about their field of study and to enlist the alliance of employers within our service area as

educational partners and stakeholders in the success of this degree program. We believe these learning partnerships allow Great Basin College to deliver an innovative training program whose graduates are sought out because:

1. GBC's program is more reflective of the ideal bachelor's educational philosophy: a broad liberal arts exposure.
2. The program instills in its graduates professional ethics and leadership skills needed to make critical decisions.
3. The program supplies students with a unifying operational and practical framework for problem solving; thus, stakeholder value is enhanced and a position of distinctiveness in bachelor's level education in this region is achieved.

GBC's academic approach to the delivery of education will help students become innovative leaders and practitioners in organizations that value continuous renewal of their culture and management approach. This gives our graduates a significant, distinct, comparative advantage in their chosen career fields.

Admission to the Program

Students will be admitted to the program in a Full Admission status when all admission requirements have been completed and accepted by the Committee. Students who do not maintain good standing, as defined, will be placed on Probationary Status. Students on probationary status are not allowed to continue toward completion of the program until they have removed all restrictions. The manner for reinstatement to good standing will be determined by the Committee on a case-by-case basis.

To be officially admitted to the Bachelor of Applied Science Program, students should do the following.

STEP 1: Inquiries

As soon as practical, applicants should meet with a faculty program advisor to outline a proposed course of study.

STEP 2: Application Process

Students must present evidence of completion of one of the following associate's degree patterns:

1. An Associate of Applied Science degree from an accredited college.
2. An Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree or other degrees as deemed appropriate by the Committee, plus a resumé demonstrating relevant experience.
3. Any technical associate's degree that is not an AAS, if it is from an accredited college and includes more than 50 percent technical/vocational courses (as determined by your advisor).

Acceptable evidence would be the diploma and/or official transcripts. Students should submit transcripts indicating an overall grade-point average (GPA) equal to or greater than 2.0, as calculated by Great Basin College formulas. Students should submit a program application to the Committee before completion of 30 credits in the program. Students should have completed the requirements for an associate's degree prior to making application.

STEP 3: Follow Up

Students have the responsibility to ensure that official transcripts and any other requirements are actually received by the Director of Admissions and Registrar of Great Basin College. These should be received by the application deadlines in order to receive Full Admission to the BAS Degree Program.

NOTE: Evaluation of the entrance criteria will be made by the Committee. This processing takes approximately five to six weeks. Students will be notified by letter from the Director of Admissions and Registrar upon acceptance/denial.

Pre-admission Information

Some emphases of the program may have their own special admission requirements.

- Completion of an approved electrical program is required before official admission to the Instrumentation program can occur. In addition, students entering the program must complete the Career and Technical Education Program application for admission found on the program web page.
- See the Land Surveying/Geomatics emphasis for a list of prerequisites.
- The Graphic Communication emphasis requires an AAS in Computer Technology with a Graphic Communications emphasis for admission, or advisor permission (pending approval of the BAS-GRC program).
- Students with bachelor's degrees from a regionally accredited college or university will not be required to take general education courses unless they are listed under the Emphasis Requirements or are needed as prerequisites for more advanced requirements.

Maintaining Good Standing

Students who have been admitted to the Bachelor of Applied Science Program will maintain their status as students in good standing, and be allowed to graduate, if they meet the following requirements:

- Maintain an overall 2.0 GPA.
- Receive no lower than a C- in all program requirements.

Total Minimum Credits for BAS 120

Total Minimum Upper-Division Credits 48