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Associate of Applied Science Degree

COMPUTER SOFTWARE SPECIALIST (222)

Purpose

The Associate of Applied Science degree program in Computer Software Specialist is designed to prepare students to enter the workforce as computer professionals trained in a variety of cutting-edge software packages. General and specialized computer courses with an emphasis in programming and database applications are complemented by general education courses. Students will participate in a comprehensive program that includes both classroom and lab instruction, along with a work-based learning experience or a comprehensive computer project.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO): Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

- 1. Write application software that makes efficient and secure use of operating system services.
- 2. Develop an information system using accepted software development processes.
- 3. Produce user applications using a specialized technology that builds upon fundamental software development practices.
- 4. Analyze a problem and identify the appropriate data, hardware components and/or software requirements to develop a feasible solution.
- 5. Use current tools and practices that support the software documentation process.
- 6. Document system requirements and/or develop materials for clients in the proper use of hardware or software.
- 7. Work cooperatively and effectively in teams to accomplish a shared goal.
- 8. Analyze local and global information technology (IT) trends, while recognizing the influences of IT on cultural, economic, ethical, and legal issues and responsibilities.
- 9. Support the management of information systems.
- 10. Use logical and mathematical reasoning to analyze, organize, and interpret data.

Employment Opportunities

Job opportunities in the immediate area and throughout the nation abound for students trained in computers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' website, employment of software developers is projected to grow 24% from 2016 to 2026, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Software developers will be needed to respond to an increased demand for computer software. Students completing the Computer Software Specialist AAS will be qualified for the following positions: Computer Software Specialist, Software Developer, Computer Lab Assistant, Help-Desk Technician, Database Operator/Manager, Software Consultant, Programmer, Software Tester/Analyst.

Opportunities for advancement are excellent for those students willing to continue their education and training. Students may wish to enhance their advancement opportunities by pursuing certifications available from various software vendors. Students also may want to couple their degree with the Cybersecurity Career Studies Certificate or the Mobile Applications Development Career Studies Certificate.

Program Requirements

Students should have English and Mathematics skills assessed. Deficiencies in these areas may be corrected by completing the appropriate developmental studies courses.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE SPECIALIST PROGRAM OF STUDY

Course #	Course Title	Credit	Pre-Requisite Courses	
FIRST YEAR FALL ITE 131 ITD 110 ITE 119 ITN 260	Survey of Internet Services Web Page Design I Information Literacy Network Security Basics	1 3 3 3	(if applicable)	
ITN 101 SDV 100	Introduction to Network Concepts Social Science Elective College Success Skills	3 3 1		
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ENG 111	College Composition I	3		
ITP 100	Software Design	3		
ITD 440	Humanities Elective	3	ITD 440	
ITP 140 ITD 132	Client Side Scripting Structured Query Languages	3 3	ITD 110 co-requisite	
PED/HLT	Physical Education Elective/Health Elective	3 1		
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SECOND YEAR FALL				
ITE 150	Desktop Database Software	3	ITE 119	
ITP 132	C++ Programming I	3	ITP 100 or MTH 163	
	Social Science or Humanities Elective	3		
MTH 111	Basic Technical Math	3		
ITP 225	Web Scripting Languages	3	ITD 110 co-requisite	
ITN 171	UNIX I	3		
SECOND YEAR SPRING				
ITP 232	C++ Programming II	3	ITP 132	
ITN 262	Network Communication, Security &	3	111 102	
	Authentication			
ITN 261	Network Attacks, Computer Crime & Hacking	3		
ITP 298	Capstone/Project Integration	3		
ITP 270	Programming in Cybersecurity	3		
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS		66		

Notes and Additional Curriculum Options
Course substitutions may be available. Please see your advisor.