

Associate of Technical Study

The Associate of Technical Study degree is awarded for successful completion of an individually planned technical education program designed to respond to the needs for specialized technical education not currently available in the degree programs available at BGSU Firelands College. The program must have an area of concentration in technical studies which is clearly identifiable with a career objective.

The area of concentration can be formed either by:

- * A coherent combination of technical courses selectively drawn from two or more technical programs currently offered by BGSU Firelands College to serve a career objective which would not be adequately addressed by one of the existing programs; or by
- * Courses completed or training received at other institutions of higher education, vocational centers, and/or other educational enterprises judged by BGSU Firelands College to be of college level and worthy of college credit.

The development of the educational plan will be done jointly by the student and an academic adviser assigned by the Office of Student Services. Each candidate for this degree must complete an Associate of Technical Study application which identifies the area(s) of concentration and designates courses to be taken to complete the degree. The application will be forwarded to the Academic Review Board for review and approval. Any changes in the educational plan will require the signature

of the academic adviser and concurrence of the Academic Review Board. A student unable or unwilling to meet the college degree requirements, or who has submitted a proposal deemed unacceptable, will be denied admission into the program.

- * This degree is awarded for the satisfactory completion of a minimum of **sixty-two** semester credit hours.
- * Prior to the completion of **forty** semester credit hours, each degree candidate must complete an Associate of Technical Study application form outlining his or her intended area of concentration and designating course areas for further study to accommodate this plan. Each student's individual curriculum must meet the minimum requirements of **thirty-three** semester credit hours of technical studies, **fourteen** semester credit hours of basic foundation courses and **fifteen** semester credit hours of BG perspective coursework.
- * Following approval of the application each candidate must complete no less than **twenty-two** semester credit hours of coursework under the supervision of BGSU Firelands College. At least **fifteen** semester credit hours must be completed at BGSU Firelands College.
- * A maximum of **thirty** semester credit hours will be recognized by BGSU Firelands College for coursework completed at other public, private, or proprietary post-secondary institutions, vocational centers, and schools conducted by business and industry, prior to the declaration of candidacy for this degree.

