Career Technical Education PATHWAY **2020-2021**

Prepare for employment with an associate's degree or certificate of achievement.

Successfully complete* the following steps to earn a Certificate of Achievement or Associate's degree from Modesto Junior College. Enroll in a Guidance class and meet with a counselor to ensure that you complete each step accurately and efficiently. You may earn a Certificate of Achievement and an Associate's degree in many programs; however only one degree (AA or AS) can be awarded in any one program.

Earn a Certificate of Achievement:

1. **Select a *Certificate of Achievement*** from the catalog and complete the requirements as listed.

2. **Earn a grade of C or better** in every course in the *Certificate of Achievement*

3. **Apply for your Certificate.** The Certificate of Achievement is not automatically awarded when you complete the requirements. File an application for Certificate of Achievement during the same semester in which you plan to finish requirements (Evaluations Office, Student Services Building, Room 102.)

Earn an Associate's degree:

1. **Complete 60 units in courses numbered 50 to 399.** Twelve (12) units must be completed "in-residence" at MJC.

2. **Earn an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher** (C average) based on all work attempted in college courses numbered 50 to 399.

3. **Demonstrate competence in reading, writing, and mathematics.***

   READING: Meet <u>one</u> of the following requirements:
   - ☐ Completion of the applicable General Education pattern (MJC-GE, CSU-GE, and/or IGETC) with a C average or better (2.0)
   - ☐ Completion of READ 184 with a C or better

   WRITING: Meet <u>one</u> of the following requirements:
   - ☐ Completion of ENGL 100 or ENGL 101 or equivalent course from another institution with a C or better
   - ☐ Score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP Exam: Language & Composition OR Literature & Composition

   MATHEMATICS: Meet <u>one</u> of the following requirements:
   - ☐ Completion of MATH 89, MATH 989, or course from CSU-GE:B4 or IGETC:2, or equivalent** course with a grade of C or higher.
   - ☐ MJC Math Placement Score of 11-14, based on High School cumulative GPA and coursework verifiable on official transcripts.[†]
   - ☐ Verifiable score of 3, 4 or 5 on AP Exam: *Calculus AB* <u>or</u> *Calculus BC* <u>or</u> *Statistics*, <u>and/or</u> score of 5 on IB Exam: *Mathematics HL*

4. **Complete the *MJC Guidance and Activities Requirements*** as part of the 60 units required for associated degree. See page 94 .

5. **Fulfill the general education requirement*** as part of the 60 units required for associate degree by completing the MJC-GE Pattern (see page 95) with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

6. **Complete a MAJOR or General Studies EMPHASIS** from those listed in the catalog in which you plan to earn your degree:

   ☞ **Associate in Arts degree (AA)**:
   Complete requirements for any AA Major listed in the MJC Catalog. Your AA degree will be in that major.

   ☞ **Associate in Science degree (AS)**:
   Complete requirements for any AS Major listed in the MJC Catalog. Your AS degree will be in that major.

7. **Earn a grade of C or Better** for every course in the major.

8. **Apply for your degree.** The Associate in arts Degree (AA) and the Associate in science Degree (AS) are not automatically awarded when you complete the requirements. File an *Application for Associate's degree* in the Evaluations Office, Student Services Building, Room 102, the same semester in which you plan to complete the requirements. Requirements may be completed during any semester or summer session. The graduation ceremony is held only at the end of the spring semester.

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*   Students who possess a baccalaureate degree or higher completed at a regionally accredited college or university will have satisfied general education and competency requirements including guidance and activities for AA or AS Degree.

**   Equivalent courses are evaluated and identified through the Records Office.

[†]   High school coursework used to clear the mathematics competency must have been completed within the last 10 years, and be verifiable on official transcripts. Students with older transcripts must demonstrate mathematics competence through other options listed above.