## **Degrees and Programs**

SCC offers a wide variety of college-credit curriculum programs in both face-to-face and distance learning formats.

Associate degree programs prepare students to enter the workplace immediately upon graduation and/or to continue their education at a four-year institution. After program admission, full-time students can complete associate degree programs in two years if they follow the program pathway/graduation plan.

Diploma programs are primarily for those who wish to enter a trade prior to completing an associate degree and may be completed in as little as three semesters. In addition, vocational diploma programs are frequently the equivalent of the initial semesters of an associate degree program, and in all cases, courses earned in completing the diploma count toward the associate degree.

Certificate programs provide short-term training which may be immediately applicable to employment and may be completed in as little as one semester. The courses earned in completing a certificate program count toward the diploma and/or associate degree.