

INTENT TO PURSUE AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE PRIOR TO GRADUATION

Please Print:			
Student Full Name		Student ID Number	
Parent/Guardian Name			
School Name	School Counselor		

As a part of a Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) agreement, students are able to use a combination of high school and college courses to earn an Associate of Science degree that is awarded by NOVA. A student must meet NOVA dual enrollment admissions requirements and at least 25 percent of the requirements (or 15 credits) must be earned through dual enrollment courses or courses taken through the college. The transferability of the Associate of Science degree is based on agreements NOVA has with partner universities or an individual university policy. If the student plans to attend a four-year college or university, it is strongly recommended that he or she become familiar with all admission, transfer, and degree requirements for each college and/or university where he or she plans to apply before pursuing this option. NOVA articulation and guaranteed admission agreements are available at: https://www.nvcc.edu/transfer/agreements/. Many Virginia four-year colleges and universities indicate that NOVA's Guaranteed Admission Agreement program does not apply to high school students who have earned an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation. Each college and/or university makes the decision about how to consider high school students in the guaranteed admission program. Further, admission to a college or university does not imply acceptance into any particular academic program and some programs have specific or additional requirements for admission.

By signing this form, you are indicating your intent to pursue an Associate of Science degree. At any point you may decide not to pursue the Associate of Science degree. Failure to complete the Associate of Science degree, on its own, does not carry any academic penalties. Students who pursue the Associate of Science degree will work with both their school counselor and a NOVA academic advisor to ensure FCPS graduation requirements and Associate of Science degree requirements are met. The student will be responsible for discussing plans with both FCPS and NOVA, pursuing the coursework as advised, and seeking permission for any coursework taken through the college for high school credit. Prior to enrolling in any NOVA course, FCPS form IS-158 must be completed and approved. The form is available at: http://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/is158.pdf.

Use page two of this form to document the courses that will meet the General Education Certificate requirements. You may update this plan at any time.

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Additional information about the Associate of Science Degree, along with the courses that meet the requirements, are available at the following sites:

NOVA Catalog- https://catalog.nvcc.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=402

FCPS Dual Enrollment Course Offerings- https://www.fcps.edu/academics/high-school-academics-9-12/advanced-academics/dual-enrollment/fairfax-county-public-0

FCPS Concurrent Course Offerings*- <u>https://www.fcps.edu/academics/graduation-requirements-and-course-planning/</u> <u>college-credit-high-school/concurrent</u>

*Students using FCPS HS courses (AP/IB) classes towards the degree must meet NOVA score requirement https://catalog.nvcc.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=241

Associate of Science Degree (A.S.)- Awarded for the completion of two-year curricula in a variety of preprofessional programs. The A.S. degree is designed for those who plan to transfer to a four-year, degree-granting institution to complete a Bachelor of Science (B.S.).

NOVA Catalog*- https://catalog.nvcc.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=402

*The catalog year is based on the semester you begin courses

Students pursuing more than 17 NOVA credit hours must qualify and be approved for an overload (18+ or 19 if SDV (Student Development- College Success Skills) is the 19th credit).

Associate of Science Degree

Associate of Science Degree Course Plan					
College Requirement and Credits	College Course Title/Number Two semesters of a college course sequence are equivalent to one full year of a high school course (some exceptions apply).	Credits	High School Course Title/Number If high school credit is requested, list the title of the equivalent high school course and credit(s). If only college credit is requested, indicate with "N/A."	Credits	
College Success Skills (1 CR.)	1.				
Humanities/Fine Arts (6 CR.)	1.				
	2.				
Mathematics (6 CR.)	1.				
	2.				
Physical and Life Science (8 CR.)	1.				
	2.				



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Social/Behavior Sciences (9 CR.)	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
Written and Oral Communication (9 CR.)	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
Elective and Major Area Requirements (21-24 CR.)	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
	5.		
	6.		
	7.		
	8.		

cc: Student Information Assistant Student Cumulative Record Parent/Guardian Student