DEGREES AND PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Colorado Mesa University offers programs leading to awards in five levels: certificates (graduate, professional, and technical), associate degrees, baccalaureate degrees, and Master’s degrees and a doctoral degree.

General requirements for each degree and certificate program are listed in the graduation requirements sections of this catalog and in program descriptions found under Areas of Study (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study). While these general requirements are as correct and current as possible, some changes may occur as programs are updated.

Graduate degrees offered:
- Master of Arts in Education (MA, Education or MAEd)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Master of Science (MS)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Baccalaureate degrees offered:
- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
- Bachelor of Music (BM)
- Bachelor of Music Education (BME)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science (BSRS)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

These are programs of study that generally consist of 120 or more credit hours and provide extensive preparation in a specific major. Concentrations are available within many of the baccalaureate degrees.

Non-Credit Continuing Education Courses

Non-credit continuing education courses toward personal, civic, vocational, and professional self-improvement are offered through the University’s Continuing Education Program (https://coloradomesa.edu/distance-education/extended-studies).

Students enrolling in these degrees may be preparing for immediate employment upon graduation or they may expect the two-year degree to be the first phase toward a baccalaureate degree. All AA and AS degrees include the statewide common core of general education curriculum and, when completed successfully, meet the lower-division essential learning requirements of most baccalaureate degree programs.

- Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees are offered in a variety of technical and vocational programs. AAS programs average two years in length.

Certificates are awarded in three categories:
- Graduate Certificates contain graduate level (5xx-7xx) courses. A student must be admitted as a graduate student to attempt a graduate certificate.
- Professional Certificates are comprised of primarily upper division (3xx-4xx) courses. For a student to attempt a Professional Certificate after the student has earned a baccalaureate degree, the student must be admitted to study as a post-baccalaureate student or as a graduate student.
- Technical Certificates are normally chosen by students whose immediate plans are a career in a technical area. They are comprised of lower division (1xx-2xx) courses. While the length may vary, these programs are usually one-year long and are designed to train for specific skills required for employment.

Associate degrees are awarded in two broad areas:
- Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (AA, AS) degrees are available in a number of emphases at Colorado Mesa University.