

2025-26 Catalog Updates

Instructional Policy Changes

- Historically, the “Residency Requirement” has stated that 23 credits of a student’s associate degree must be earned at Highline. Moving forward, 25% of the total credits in any degree or certificate must be earned at Highline. This would be 22.5 credits for a 90-credit degree, so the requirement will not dramatically change for most programs.

Programs with Name Changes

- Information Systems Project Coordinator, Web Development AAS is now Project Coordinator in IT AAS (it replaces all the separate Information Systems Project Coordinator degrees)
- Web Development AAS is now Web Development with AI AAS
- Early Learning BAS is now Early Childhood Education BAS
- All Early Childhood Education certificates have been renamed using a single, consistent format (for example, “Early Childhood Education State Short Certificate: Administration”)

Programs with Curriculum Changes

- **Accounting AAS:** Students without a Bookkeeping Certificate will now take BUSN 199 and BUSN 133 in lieu of ACCTG 121.
- **Achieve Comprehensive Transition Certificate:** Will require 41 credits in Supporting Courses. Certificate now totals 72 credits.
- **Achieve Fast-Track to Employment Certificate:** Will require 20 credits in Support Courses. Certificate now totals 36 credits.
- **Associate in Arts DTA:** CMST& 210 now meets the Communication Skills requirement. The College Success course options have been expanded to include BUSN 199. While the elective requirement has *not* changed, it has been reworded for clarity.
 - The Catalog now clearly states that the 2-5 credits from the College Success Course and 3 credits of PE will apply to the student’s electives, which total 30 credits.
 - The electives are split into 15 credits of fully transferable courses and 15 credits of any courses 100-level or higher (to include restricted courses). The list of fully transferable Prof-Tech courses has been added for reference.

- **Associate in Biology DTA/MRP:** CMST& 210 now meets the Communication Skills requirement.
- **Associate in Computer Science DTA/MRP:** CMST& 210 now meets the Communication Skills requirement. Natural Science will be 15 credits. Physics is no longer required. Instead, students will choose any two lab sciences, plus an additional lab science OR MATH& 152. Programming will be 15 credits: CSCI 132, CS& 141, and CSCI 143. Electives have increased to 17 credits. The degree now totals 95 credits.
- **Associate in Pre-Nursing DTA/MRP:** Students may choose from CMST& 210, 220, and 240 to meet the Communication Skills requirement.
- **Bookkeeping Certificate:** Added BUSN 218 and removed BSTEC 118. The certificate now totals 45 credits.
- **Criminal Justice AAS:** Core courses are now a set list of CJ courses that totals 20 credits. Students then choose 44 credits of electives from a list of options based on their goals. Supporting Courses are now COL 100 and PE 100. Human Relations is now a choice of PSYC& 100 and SOC& 101.
- **Early Childhood Education AAS:** GEO 102 is now a recommended option for completing the lab science requirement, in addition to ENVS& 101.
- **Project Coordinator in IT AAS:** Core courses will be the student's choice of any CSCI/CIS courses, CSCI 180 will be required, and BUS& 201 is being swapped out for BUSN 252.
- **Registered Nursing AAS:** The new curriculum rolled out in Winter 2025 is now published. Both CHEM& 131 and a 200-level CMST course are now required for admission.
- **Respiratory Care BAS:** Minimum course GPA and minimum cumulative GPA are now 2.0.
- **Respiratory Care AAS-T:** Minimum course GPA and minimum cumulative GPA are now 2.0.

Programs Retired

The following programs have been retired. This means that students currently enrolled in these degrees will be able to finish them, but no new students will be admitted.

- Associate in Science-Transfer to Engineering, Computer Science, Physics, and Atmospheric Sciences (Concentration: Computer Science)
- Information Systems Project Coordinator, Computer Forensics Specialization, AAS
- Information Systems Project Coordinator, Networking Specialization, AAS
- Information Systems Project Coordinator, Software Development Specialization, AAS

Course Updates

Due to the sheer volume of course updates made, not all are listed here. Only updates considered relevant to the wider campus advising community have been noted. A change was considered relevant if it involved the prerequisites, attributes, or prefix/number of a course that is either in use by multiple programs or introductory to a program.

- **BIOL 101 - Backyard Biology:** Previously GESC 101 - Backyard Science
- **CSCI 116 - Web Coding with AI:** Previously titled "Web Programming I." Will no longer apply to the Natural Science distribution.
- **ECED& 160 - Curriculum Development:** Prerequisite is now ECED& 105 *and* ECED& 115 with a minimum 2.0
- **PSYC& 200, PSYCH 202, PSYCH 250:** Prerequisite is now PSYC& 100 with a minimum 2.0 *and* ENGL& 101 with a minimum 1.5
- **PSYC& 220 - Psychological Disorders:** Previously titled "Abnormal Psychology." Prerequisite is now PSYC& 100 with a minimum 2.0 *and* ENGL& 101 with a minimum 1.5
- **LEGAL 216 - Introduction to Law:** Although LEGAL 216 is cross-listed with POLS& 200 in the class schedule, LEGAL is a restricted subject for transfer. Because of this, the Social Science Area 1 attribute has been removed from LEGAL 216. Students in the AA-DTA or another transfer degree should take POLS& 200.