Students in the General Education Program receive the Associate in General Education degree (AGE) upon completion of 64 credit hours. The flexible AGE program is designed for individuals wishing to broaden their education with emphasis on personal interest, growth, and development. This program is not designed as a transfer program. The two-year AGE program provides students opportunities to study English, literature, fine arts, philosophy, social science, science, and mathematics at the college level and to explore technical areas of study.

A minimum of 64 (with a maximum of 65) credit hours is required for the Associate in General Education degree; and each student must complete a minimum 18-hour group of courses in English, social sciences, humanities, and mathematics/science. The remaining hours may be selected from any courses numbered 110 and above as found in the North Carolina Community College System Combined Course Library. Credits from other colleges and universities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Students who already have a college degree may transfer up to 36 hours of coursework into the General Education program for elective hours. Courses that are equivalent to the 18-hour group of courses will also be accepted for transfer. Students seeking a first degree may transfer more than 36 elective hours into the program, provided that at least ¼ of the total credit hours required are completed at Durham Tech including 9 of the final 18 hours.

At Durham Tech, the Program Director and academic advisors work one-on-one with AGE students to individualize their plans of study to fit their academic needs. Students may enroll in this individualized program any semester and can complete requirements through day, evening, or weekend classes.

ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL EDUCATION

ACA 122-College Transfer Success- 1 credit hour

The Associate in General Education degree is awarded upon successful completion of 64 semester credit hours including the minimum in each of the areas below. All courses must be numbered 110 or above.

English - 6 credit hours:
   ENG 111 and ENG 112

Humanities - 6 credit hours selected from:
   ART, DRA, ENG (excluding ENG 111, 112), FRE, GER, HUM, ITA, MUS, PHI, POR, REL, SPA

Mathematics or Science - 3 credit hours selected from:
   BIO, CHM, GEL, MAT, PHY

Social Sciences - 3 credit hours selected from:
   ANT, ECO, GEO, HIS, POL, PSY, SOC

Computer Competency: All AGE students must demonstrate computer competency to graduate. That competency may be demonstrated by a satisfactory score on the computer competency test, by credit by exam, or by completing CIS 110 or CIS 113.

Electives – a minimum of 46 semester credit hours selected from course prefixes above and COM; ENG (courses numbered 110 and above not used to satisfy English requirements listed above); HEA; PED; or any technical courses numbered 110 or above as found in the North Carolina Community College System Common Course Library. A maximum of 7 semester hours credit from health (HEA), and physical education (PED) (with a limit of 2 semester credit hours from PED courses) and college orientation (ACA) courses can be counted toward the Elective requirement.