

# ACADEMIC AND CAREER PATHS

All academic and career paths offered at Santa Monica College are designed to provide students with the necessary skills to compete successfully in related job markets and/or for transfer to a four-year college or university. Each career path has an advisory board composed of industry representatives to insure that the curricula are current and that they meet industry needs and standards.

Requirements for Associate and other degrees, Certificates of Achievement, Department Certificates, and Certificates of Completion (Noncredit), as well as requirements and recommendations for transfer preparation, are available through General Counseling & Transfer Services ([smc.edu/counseling](http://smc.edu/counseling)). Many of these degrees and certificates can now be earned online. See [smc.edu/online](http://smc.edu/online) for details.

Students should note that completion of degree and/or certificate requirements may not adequately satisfy transfer requirements. Students are **STRONGLY** encouraged to meet with a counselor to develop an academic program best suited for their transfer institution and intended academic path.

To explore career possibilities, students should visit the Career Services Center webpage ([smc.edu/careercenter](http://smc.edu/careercenter)).

## Degree and Certificate Requirements

General requirements for degrees and certificates can be found on the Academics section.

## Catalog Rights

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree or certificate that were in effect at any time of the student's continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (fall or spring) in each academic year.

## Curricular Offerings

See the following charts with SMC's Areas of Interest and Academic and Career Paths. This can also be found online at [smc.edu/academics](http://smc.edu/academics) for easier and up-to-date access.