Workforce Certificate Programs

- There are a wide variety of Workforce Certificates in job related fields.
- They are normally one year or less in length.
- Certificates usually contain the same technical courses as the degree.
- Students who complete Certificate Programs may decide to continue, or later return, to complete a degree. The certificate coursework will apply toward the related applied science associate degree.
- By themselves, certificates are designed to provide specific technical knowledge and skills required to enter the labor market in a related field.
  - Level One Certificate
    - consists of 15-42 credit hours
    - no requirement to meet the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements
    - no general education requirement.
  - Level Two Certificate
    - 30-51 credit hours
    - must meet the requirements of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI).
    - no general education requirement.
  - Occupational Skills Award (OSA)
    - a sequence of credit courses totaling 9-14 credit hours
    - locally recognized by employers, but not statewide credentials.
  - Enhanced Skills Certificate (ESC)
    - completion of an AAS or higher degree plus 6-12 additional credit hours
    - provides additional technical proficiency in a specific program area.