



## **Accelerated Degree Planning**

### **Students with Associate in Applied Science Degrees (AAS) Earn Bachelor's Degrees without Losing Credit**

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Once thought to be a terminal degree, the Associate in Applied Science degree (AAS) is now (at least for Colorado community colleges) nearly as frequently awarded as the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degrees. However, all too often adult learners who pursue AAS degrees (as well as Associate of General Studies or AGS degrees) at a community college find that transferring a significant portion of their credit to a Bachelor's degree program is difficult, and can result in a loss of hard-earned credit.

"The Bachelor of Applied Science at Regis University presents a real advantage to community college graduates who seek an undergraduate degree," says Marie Friedemann, associate dean at Regis University. "Regis' Bachelor of Applied Science recognizes the academic preparation that characterizes the Associate in Applied Science degree and the Associate of General Studies degree from Colorado's community colleges." The Regis Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) curriculum covers a broad range of disciplines, including specializations in Community Interpreting, Homeland Security, Management and Interdisciplinary Studies. As a result of community college partnerships, the BAS incorporates the AAS and AGS coursework in foundational and specialization requirements so that little community college credit is lost through transfer, a real value for adult learners.

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