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## Available Programs in Applied Sciences Degrees, Certificates, and Occupational Skills Awards (OSA)

### **Health Sciences Programs**

#### **Associate Degree Nursing Program**

The Associate Degree Nursing curriculum includes general education courses and nursing courses, with a generic two-year option and an LVN Transition Option. The graduate is prepared to function as an entry level staff nurse in hospitals or other health care settings. The focus of the Associate Degree Nursing Program is to develop in its graduates the knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for professional nursing through classroom instruction and coordinated clinical experiences. The Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; (404) 975-5000, FAX (404) 975-5020. The Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing, 333 Guadalupe, #3-460, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 305-7400, FAX (512) 305-7401.

More information is available online through the Associate Degree Nursing Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

#### **Dental Hygiene Program**

The purpose of the Program is to prepare competent dental hygienists to meet the oral health care needs of the public. Students accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program attend general education classes, courses in biological and dental science, and specialized courses in dental hygiene. This knowledge is then applied in the dental hygiene clinic where the students perform dental hygiene services under the supervision and instruction of faculty and the clinical dentist. The Blinn College Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of approval without reporting requirements. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

More information is available online through the Dental Hygiene Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

#### **Emergency Medical Services Program**

It is the goal of the EMS Program to educate and prepare students with the technical skills required for employment in the field of Emergency Medical Services. The Program is based on knowledge and skills utilized in pre-hospital care and emergency centers. This includes, but is not limited to: patient assessment, oxygen therapy, medication administration, shock management, bandaging and splinting, cardiac management, medical emergency management, childbirth, pediatric emergencies, and scene management. The EMS Program is accredited through the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions as recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

More information is available online through the Emergency Medical Services Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

#### **Fire Science Program**

The Fire Science Program was developed in response to local and national needs for an advanced degree in the field of fire protection and life safety. In 2006, the Blinn College Board of Trustees approved expanding the college's Fire Science Program to include training at the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) world-renowned Brayton Fire Training Field in College Station. The board approved a memorandum of agreement with TEEX, a member of the Texas A&M University System. The partnership allows Blinn fire science students to receive twelve weeks of practical training with firefighter props, equipment, and apparatus with TEEX in addition to the usual classroom instruction in fire protection, life safety, and program management. The Fire Science Program at Blinn College is accredited through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

More information is available online through the Fire Science Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

### Health Information Technology Program

The Health Information Technology Program awards are intended to prepare graduates to work with health information in hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation centers, insurance companies, law firms, psychiatric facilities, government health agencies, and other health care related organizations. Health information technology personnel perform an assortment of technical job duties including coding and transcription; release of information; statistics; organizing, analyzing, maintaining, evaluating and generating health information for continuing patient care; facility planning; research; quality assurance; and reimbursement, while also ensuring the security and privacy of the patient's health information. The Health Information Technology AAS degree is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

More information is available online through the Health Information Technology Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

### Physical Therapist Assistant Program

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program includes lecture and supervised laboratory courses in physical therapy science and procedures, as well as clinical experiences designed to prepare the graduate to become a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant. PTA perform physical therapy treatments and other duties under the supervision of a Licensed Physical Therapist. The Program is designed to prepare skilled technical health workers to perform various treatment procedures delegated by the Physical Therapist including modalities, rehabilitation techniques, therapeutic exercises, training the patient to use special equipment, and providing patient education to prevent further physical problems. The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

More information is available online through the Physical Therapist Assistant Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

### Radiologic Technology Program

The Associate of Applied Science Radiologic Technology degree curriculum incorporates general education, technical education, radiographic laboratory and practicum experience. In hospitals and outpatient clinics, students will be able to integrate classroom and laboratory instruction with the clinical component. A radiologic technologist, as an integral member of the health care team, performs radiographic examinations (x-rays). Employment opportunities can range from working in a hospital setting to outpatient clinics or mobile units. The Radiologic Technology Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606-3182, (312) 704-5300.

More information is available online through the Radiologic Technology Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

### Surgical Technology Program

The Surgical Technology Program at Blinn College prepares students to be an integral part of the surgical team, assisting surgeons, anesthesiologists and registered nurses in providing care to patients in the operating room. The Program is a one-year, competitive-entry cohort, which includes hours of clinical observation and experience in the operating room, as well as lecture and laboratory courses. After successful completion of the required curriculum, students earn a Certificate. Students interested in Surgical Technology should be in good physical and mental condition, be able to perform under stress, and possess manual dexterity.

More information is available online through the Surgical Technology Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

### Therapeutics Manufacturing Program

The Therapeutics Manufacturing Program at Blinn College prepares students with the knowledge and skills for entry level positions within the local and global therapeutics manufacturing industry. The curriculum has been designed to familiarize and train students not only in the science of quality control and the manufacturing of biotherapeutics, but also in the compliance requirements that govern the industry. The integration of science and compliance provides the graduating student with the requisite skills sought by startup companies as well as established therapeutics manufacturing firms. Course work includes hands-on experience with laboratory systems used in Quality Control as well as manufacturing systems used to produce, recover, and purify biotherapeutic products. In addition, extensive training in Quality Systems and GMP procedures and documentation completes the curriculum. This Program is in the Division of Agricultural and Natural Sciences.

More information is available online through the Therapeutics Manufacturing Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

### Veterinary Technology Program

Students in the Program are prepared with knowledge and skills to work in a number of animal health fields. While most Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVT) are employed in private veterinary practices, other employment opportunities include animal shelters, stables or reproductive facilities, zoos or wildlife facilities, pharmaceutical sales, the military, and homeland security. While the goal of most LVT is to promote animal health, some contribute to human health as well through biomedical research activities by working in laboratory facilities where they assist veterinarians and other scientists in medically-related fields such as gene therapy, cancer research, and cloning. The Blinn College Veterinary Technology Program is a collaborative effort with Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. This Program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activity. This Program is in the Division of Agricultural and Natural Sciences.

More information is available online through the Veterinary Technology Program website. Applied Sciences award plans.

### Vocational Nursing Program: Brenham Campus & Bryan Campus

The Blinn College Vocational Nursing Program is designed to provide students with the education and training needed to become highly-skilled nurses capable of working in a variety of medical settings. Available on the Brenham and Bryan campuses, the Program consists of classroom, laboratory, and clinical experiences. The Program is accredited by the Texas Board of Nursing, 333 Guadalupe, #3-460, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 305-7400, FAX (512) 305-7401.

More information is available online either through the Vocational Nursing Program – Brenham Campus website or through the Vocational Nursing Program – Bryan Campus website. Applied Sciences award plans.

## **Business and Public Service Programs**

### **Applied Business Program**

Blinn College's Applied Business Program provides a supportive learning environment through in-depth instruction and an innovative use of classroom technology. The curriculum prepares students for various careers in accounting, business, and management with an applied and practical approach.

Every business, organization, and group needs effective leaders to plan, organize, lead, and control the many activities that affect business today. The Business Administration and Management degree provides student with the latest management techniques and skills. It is designed for students seeking first-line management positions as well as those students looking to update their talents.

The Small Business Management awards provide students an in-depth understanding of how to start and operate a small business. Students will learn to prepare a business plan, raise capital, accounting strategies, cash flow requirement, human resources, and marketing. Graduates will be well qualified for career opportunities in entrepreneurship, management, and related fields.

Accounting is the language of business. It translates and communicates the movement of resources throughout business systems. Accounting measures the performance and status of the organization by analyzing, classifying, recording, reporting and interpreting each transaction using acceptable accounting practices and procedures. Without accurate and timely accounting, management of the organization is virtually impossible.

Hospitality Management offers students a basic background in hotel, restaurant, and event operations which are fundamental to all aspects of the hospitality industry.

More information is available online through the [Applied Business Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

### **Art & Visual Communication Program**

As one of the newest Applied Sciences Programs, Art & Visual Communication is focused on the design of print and digital media to appeal to a target audience by creating an identity for a business or organization. The Graphic Design (formerly Digital Publishing) awards are especially suited for individuals who would like to design logos, advertisements, brochures, business cards, letter head, publications and more for the print and digital workspace. Graduates of the Program are prepared to seek employment in occupations such as graphic designers and desktop publishers.

More information is available online through the [Art & Visual Communication Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

### **Child Development Program**

If you have a love for children and are committed to helping them grow and develop in the best environment possible, then you will find a career in the child care profession rewarding. Graduates of the Blinn College Child Development Program will be qualified to enter positions as teachers in public and private child care facilities and other early childhood programs. Child care workers continue to be in high demand as more parents and caregivers enter the workforce and need quality care for their children.

More information is available online through the [Child Development Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

### **Criminal Justice Program**

The Criminal Justice Program is designed for students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, corrections, and the court system. The Program combines classroom instruction with real world experience. Students are provided with targeted training to enhance their professional opportunities with local, county, and state agencies.

The Blinn College Board of Trustees approved expanding the college's Criminal Justice Program to include training at the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Central Texas Police Academy in Bryan, Texas. The partnership allows Blinn College Criminal Justice students to receive seventeen weeks of practical training with law enforcement props, equipment, and apparatus in addition to the usual classroom instruction.

More information is available online through the [Criminal Justice Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

### Information Technology Program

The Information Technology Program is designed to prepare students for a career in the area of computer network administration. This multi-exit Program provides students with technical workplace and academic skills as well as critical thinking, problem solving skills, and communication skills.

The Information Technology Administrator will be able to design, construct and manage heterogeneous multi-user wired/wireless computer networks. The administrator will be able to specify computer hardware and software, integrate them, and upgrade network systems; manage and document networked and stand-alone systems; and design, build, and maintain complex database driven websites.

The Microsoft Specialist is a concentration on the latest desktop and server operating system offered by Microsoft. This specialist will be able to select, install, and maintain the current desktop and operating system offered by the Microsoft Corporation, in addition to developing websites and databases, and supporting computer networks. In the same way, the Linux Specialist focuses on the most recent open source desktop and server operating systems not covered by the Microsoft Specialist. The Web Specialist emphasizes the design, development, and maintenance of database driven websites, allowing for the ability to select, install, and maintain current open source web servers.

More information is available online through the [Information Technology Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

### Legal Assistant Program

A Legal Assistant (Paralegal) performs legal research, assists in gathering facts, prepares documents, and does general administrative work at the direction and under the supervision of a lawyer. The skills of the Legal Assistant are such that the work performed would otherwise have to be accomplished by a licensed attorney. Graduates of this Program are prepared to assist attorneys in the delivery of legal services, and employment positions may be found in private law firms, courts, corporations and businesses, insurance companies, governmental offices, administrative offices, and banks-trust departments.

More information is available online through the [Legal Assistant Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

### Office Administration Program

The Office Administration Program is designed for students interested in the flow of information in the office from creation to processing to storage. The Administrative Assistant awards are for students seeking employment or advancement in an administrative office where emphasis is placed on acquiring communication, computer, and management skills. Graduates are prepared to seek employment in occupations ranging from software specialist to executive administrative assistant.

More information is available online through the [Office Administration Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

### Real Estate Program

The Real Estate Program is designed to provide basic employment skills for individuals seeking positions in real estate, as well as to upgrade the skills of those presently employed in the industry. Students will experience an intensive education and gain background knowledge in real estate, which increases marketability in any economy. Career opportunities in real estate include sales, brokerage, appraisal, finance, property development, counseling, education, and insurance.

More information is available online through the [Real Estate Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

### Welding Technology Program

The Blinn College Welding Technology Program provides a variety of educational pathways to prepare graduates for careers in a multitude of positions such as a welder in the fabrication, construction, and manufacturing industries. The Program offers course options in both workforce training (non-credit) and Applied Sciences (for credit) awards. The hands-on, skills development curriculum includes basic metallurgy and inspection procedures, in addition to various welding techniques and processes.

More information is available online through the [Welding Technology Program website](#). [Applied Sciences award plans](#).

## **Experiential Learning and Professional Certification**

Blinn College awards credit to students for experiential learning and professional certificates in six programs: Associate Degree Nursing, Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Science, Information Technology, and Office Administration. Credit for experiential learning and professional certification is not currently awarded in any other programs. Students can receive Blinn College credit through each program as noted below.

### **Associate Degree Nursing Program**

For the LVN Transition Option AAS degree, experiential learning will be award for five (5) credit hours (RNSG 1513) to those who have a current, unrestricted Vocational or Practical Nursing license, and are eligible to be licensed to practice in the state of Texas. Proof of licensure must be provided at the time of application to the LVN Transition Option AAS degree. Experiential learning credit will not be applied to the student's academic record until they have been accepted into Blinn's LVN Transition Option AAS degree, started the program, and completed six (6) hours of RNSG courses from the first semester of the cohort at Blinn College.

### **Criminal Justice Program**

In order for a student to receive college credit for up to twenty (20) hours of experiential learning, the individual must show documentation of the successful completion of a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) approved police academy – 1985 to the present – and proof of passing the Texas Peace Officer Exam. A student that attended a TCOLE approved police academy prior to 1985 will need to meet with the Program Coordinator to discuss experiential learning credit options. The courses for which credit will be granted are: CJLE 1506, CJLE 1512, CJLE 1518, and CJLE 1524. These courses may only be applied to the Law Enforcement Technology AAS degree. The student can be concurrently enrolled in six (6) hours, but must complete six (6) hours at Blinn College before requesting credit for experiential learning that is quantified by the successful passing of a state or national certification exam.

### **Emergency Medical Services Program**

In order for a student to receive seven (7) hours of college credit of experiential learning, for coursework that was taken through a non-college based program, the student must show proof of current certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) and/or current certification as an EMT from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS). Courses for which credit will be awarded are: EMSP 1501 and EMSP 1260. Certification as EMT implies successful completion of state approved EMT course, or a higher level of certification, such as EMT-Paramedic, may be accepted for this purpose. Additionally, a student can receive up to thirty-four (34) hours of college credit of experiential learning for coursework completed through a non-college based program. The student must provide proof of all of the following: current certification as an EMT-Paramedic from the NREMT; current Critical Care Paramedic Certification (CCEMTP or FPC); current American Heart Association Instructor Certifications in BLS, ACLS and PALS; and have at least ten (10) years field experience as an EMT-Paramedic. Courses for which credit will be award are: EMSP 1338, EMSP 1356, EMSP 1355, EMSP 2306, EMSP 2260, EMSP 2444, EMSP 2434, EMSP 2330, EMSP 2261, EMSP 2305, EMSP 2143, and EMSP 2362. The student can be concurrently enrolled in six (6) hours, but must complete six (6) hours at Blinn College before requesting credit for experiential learning that is quantified by the successful passing of a state or national certification exam.

### **Fire Science Program**

In order for a student to receive twenty-three (23) hours of experiential learning credit, for coursework that was taken through a non-college based program, the student must show documentation of successful completion of an International Fire School Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and/or Texas Commission on Fire Protection accredited fire school program, and provide proof of current fire fighter certification. Proof of a higher level of certification may be accepted for this purpose from one of the following: Pro Board Certification or Advanced Certification through the State Fireman and Fire Marshals Association. Courses for which credit will be awarded are: FIRS 1103, FIRS 1301, FIRS 1407, FIRS 1313, FIRS 1319, FIRS 1323, FIRS 1329, and FIRS 1333. These courses will apply to the Fire Science Technology AAS. The student can be concurrently enrolled in six (6) hours, but must complete six (6) hours at Blinn College before requesting credit for experiential learning that is quantified by the successful passing of a state or national, or international certification exam.

### Information Technology Program

Credit within an award in the Information Technology Program may be issued upon successful completion of specific industry certifications - such as those from CompTIA, Microsoft, the Linux Professional Institute, Cisco, Zend and MySQL. The individual must provide acceptable documentation per the Program Coordinator as proof of certification completion. Courses for which credit will be awarded are: ITNW 1325 (Network+), ITSC 1325 (A+), and ITSY 1342 (Security+) for CompTIA certification; ITNW 1453 (MCTS 70-680 and MCTS 70-410), ITNW 1454 (MCTS 70-411 and MCTS 70-412), and ITNW 2350 (MCTS 70-413 and MCTS 70-414) for Microsoft certification; ITSC 1416 (LPIC 101 and 102) and ITSC 2425 (LPIC 201 and 202) for Linux Professional Institute certification; ITNW 2335 for Cisco Certified Network Associate certification; ITSE 2402 for Zend PHP certification; and ITSE 2409 for MySQL for Database Administrators certification. The number of course credits applied will vary depending on the particular Blinn award pursued, and the courses contained within that award. The maximum number of credits granted will not exceed twenty-one (21) credit hours for the degree or certificates. The student can be concurrently enrolled in six (6) hours, but must complete six (6) hours at Blinn College before requesting credit for experiential learning that is quantified by the successful passing of a state or national, or international certification exam.

### Office Administration Program

Credit towards an award in the Office Administration Program (formerly Information Management) may be issued upon successful completion of all parts of the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) Exam. The courses for which the credit will be granted are: POFT 1319, ARTC 1313, and ACNT 1303. The number of course credits that will apply toward graduation will vary depending on the particular award selected. The maximum number of credits granted will not exceed 15 credit hours for the certificate or degree. The student can be concurrently enrolled in six (6) hours, but must complete six (6) hours at Blinn College before requesting credit for experiential learning that is quantified by the successful passing of a state or national, or international certification exam.

### Procedure for Evaluation and Acceptance of Credit

The student will initiate the petitioning process by providing the appropriate program coordinator or director with official documentation of the successful completion of the training along with all required certifications. The program coordinator/director will complete a course substitution form detailing the request for credit. This form, along with the official documentation, will be sent to the instructional dean, and then the Vice President for Instruction. After approval at each of these levels, the file will be sent to the Registrar for acceptance. The courses will be entered in a similar manner as other transferred courses.



**Brazos Valley Workforce Solutions**  
**Targeted Occupations & Blinn College Applied Sciences Programs**

SOC	Occupational Title	Median Hourly Wage	Preferred Education	Blinn College Applied Sciences Programs Awards
<b>Educational Services</b>				
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$22.25	Bachelor	Academic pathways
25-2022	Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Career/Technical	\$22.32	Bachelor	Academic pathways
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Career/Technical	\$22.60	Bachelor	Academic pathways
<b>Construction and Extraction</b>				
47-2031	Carpenter	\$16.17	Certificate	Under review for delivery
47-2073	Operating Engineers & Other Equipment Operators	\$20.80	Certificate	Workforce Education Program
47-2111	Electricians	\$19.59	Certificate	Workforce Education Program
47-1011	Supervisors of Construction Trade	\$28.52	Certificate	Program in development
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$18.23	Certificate	Under review for delivery
<b>Healthcare Practitioners &amp; Technical</b>				
29-1141	Registered Nurse	\$31.10	Associate	Nursing AAS LVN Transition Option AAS
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	\$14.67	Certificate	OSA in Pharmacy Technician Workforce Education Program
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	\$29.68	Associate	Dental Hygiene AAS
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	\$19.78	Certificate	Surgical Technology Certificate
29-2061	Licensed Vocational Nurse	\$19.64	Certificate	Vocational Nursing Certificate
<b>Office and Administrative Support</b>				
43-6011 (43-6014)	Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants (Secretaries & Administrative Assistants)	\$25.46*	Certificate	Administrative Assistant AAS Administrative Assistant Specialist Certificate Software Specialist Certificate
43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$19.83	Certificate	Accounting AAS Accounting Technology Certificate
<b>Transportation and Material Moving</b>				
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$19.35	Certificate	Workforce Education Program
<b>Installation, Maintenance, &amp; Repair</b>				
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians	\$19.95	Certificate	N/A
49-2022	Telecommunications Equipment Installers & Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$27.85	Certificate	Workforce Education Program
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$23.04	Certificate	Workforce Education Program
<b>Protective Services</b>				
33-3012	Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$17.65	Certificate	Corrections Certificate
33-2011	Firefighters	\$20.29	Certificate	Fire Science Technology AAS Fire Science Technology Certificate
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$23.98	Certificate	Basic Peace Officer Academy Certificate
<b>Production</b>				
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$19.22	Certificate	Welding Technology AAS Basic Welding Certificate Welding Fundamentals Certificate Workforce Education Program
51-4041	Machinists	\$19.63	Certificate	Workforce Education Program
51-4011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic (CNC)	\$17.27	Certificate	Workforce Education Program

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SOC	Occupational Title	Median Hourly Wage	Preferred Education	Blinn College Applied Sciences Programs Awards
<b>Computer &amp; Mathematical</b>				
15-1151	Computer User Support Specialists	\$23.32	Associate	N/A
15-1121	Computer Systems Analysts	\$44.69	Bachelor	Information Technology Administrator AAS Linux Specialist Certificate Microsoft Specialist Certificate Web Specialist Certificate
15-1132	Software Developers, Applications	\$36.80	Bachelor	N/A
<b>Life, Physical, &amp; Social Science</b>				
19-4021	Biological Technicians	\$18.29	Bachelor	Therapeutics Manufacturing AAS Therapeutics Manufacturing Certificate Therapeutics Manufacturing Advanced Technical Certificate
19-4041	Geological & Petroleum Technicians	\$24.52	Associate	N/A
<b>Healthcare Support</b>				
31-9091	Dental Assistants	\$14.51	Certificate	N/A
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$34.97	Associate	Physical Therapist Assistant AAS
<b>Management</b>				
11-1021	General & Operations Manager	\$51.00	Bachelor	Business Administration & Management AAS Hospitality Management Certificate Small Business Management AAS Small Business Management Certificate
<b>Business &amp; Financial Operations</b>				
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	\$31.05	Bachelor	N/A

\*43-6011 is a combined median with SOC code 43-6014. 43-6011 usually requires more training and technical knowledge than 43-6014.

The targeted occupation list above is used for the purposes of identifying what training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) the Workforce Center may approve for eligible customers pending funds availability and what training programs the local Board may certify for the TWC training provider certification system. Key elements for consideration were high growth, high demand occupation within the Board Region; a wage of no less than \$14 per hour; training must be completed within 2 years (for those occupations requiring a Bachelor degree only the last two years may be paid for); and there must be ten or more openings per year. The target occupation list was created using The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) analysis programs and local Board knowledge of economic conditions in the region. TWC does limit the number of occupations a Board may have on its targeted occupation list. Published October 2016.