DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

About the Program
Computational Biology uses data analysis, mathematical modeling, and computational simulation techniques to understand complex biological systems. The Computational Biology degree provides coursework designed to train students entering careers that require the interpretation and analysis of large amounts of biological data. The objective of the degree is to acquire skills in computer science, biology and statistics that can be applied to bioinformatics. Career opportunities for students with an Associate of Arts in Computational Biology may include employment with pharmaceutical companies, scientific software companies, academic research and biotechnology companies.Students may also wish to transfer to a university for a BA/BS degree in Computational Biology, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, or related field. Students transferring to a university are recommended to meet with a counselor and contact their transfer institution as some universities require additional computer science courses.

Program Goals and Objectives
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Career Opportunities
pharmaceutical companies scientific software companies biotechnology companies academic research

Program Outcomes

- Upon completion of the AA in Computational Biology, students are able to demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts in molecular biology, including DNA, genes, proteins and genomes.
- Upon completion of the AA in Computational Biology, students are able to explain the use of computational techniques to solve biological problems.
- Upon completion of the AA in Computational Biology, students are able to use online resources such as NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information) and bioinformatics applications to research and analyze biological data.

Learning and Career Pathway Maps

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Required Core: (21 Units)
BIO 1C Cell and Molecular Biology 5
BIO 2A Bioinformatics 4
CHEM 1A General College Chemistry I 5
CS 7 Introduction to Computer Programming Concepts 3
MATH 40 Statistics and Probability 4

List A: Select One (5 Units)
BIO 1A General Botany 5
BIO 1B General Zoology 5

Total Units for the Major 26

Additional General Education and Elective Units 34