

PSYCHOLOGY

PROGRAMS

- **Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T)**
- **Associate of Arts (A.A.)**

DESCRIPTION

Psychology is the scientific discipline concerned with the study of the mind. It is a natural and a social science concerned with the study of human behavior. As such, it is a broad discipline which involves both pure science and practical application of science to matters of everyday living.

The Psychology program offers two associate degrees: The AA degree (associate degree in psychology) and the AA-T degree (associate degree in psychology for transfer). The AA degree requires calculus along with more psychology courses (as opposed to the AA-T degree), and is recommended for students wishing to transfer to a University of California (UC) campus. The AA-T provides a clearly articulated curriculum for students who wish to transfer to a California State University (CSU) campus. All students should meet with a counselor to determine which program would be most beneficial for their goals and to determine which courses are required for them to transfer to their desired university.

The program provides students with a basic understanding of motivation and behavior that is valuable to many careers in business, government, education, and health care. Becoming a “psychologist,” however, requires graduate level training. Psychologists with graduate degrees and professional certificates have a broad range of employment opportunities including clinical practice, research, and teaching. Hartnell College offers lower division transfer courses to meet the requirements for most baccalaureate majors offered by accredited colleges and universities. Psychology and counseling faculty are excellent resources for additional career information.

LEADS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS:

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| ▪ Academic Counselor | ▪ Mental Health Coordinator |
| ▪ Alcohol/Drug Counselor | ▪ Nonprofit Director |
| ▪ Career Counselor | ▪ Psychiatrist |
| ▪ Child Psychologist | ▪ Social Worker |
| ▪ Community Relations Director | ▪ Student Affairs Administrator |
| ▪ Corrections Officer | ▪ Teacher |
| ▪ Health Educator | |



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TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare for transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Hartnell College counselor to develop a student education plan before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Major Search Engine

CSU System Information - <http://www2.calstate.edu>

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Hartnell College offers a full array of financial aid programs, federal loan programs, and fee waivers.

<https://www.hartnell.edu/students/fa/net-price-calculator.html>