

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

### Classroom:

Flexible morning, afternoon, evening & weekend classes Mon.-Thurs. from 8:00am – 9:00pm Hand on learning environment for future employability Prompt individual instruction

### **School Hours:**

Fri. from 8:00am – 8:00pm Sat. from 8:30am – 4:30pm

#### **Course Elements:**

- -Read it Textbook / Watch it -Audio/Video Activities
- -Do it Focused Lab Activities, Onsite Hands on PC Clinic
- -Small Group lectures in hands on enviornment
- -Curriculum-Based Lectures from Certified Instructors
- -Lectures and on-site activities with Industry professionals
- -One on one tutoring on your schedule based on YOUR needs

#### Additional Elements:

Career Success Series Advanced Career Development Series Career Service Activities & Open Labs Soft Skills for networking yourself Résumé Development Advanced Career Search

On-site Attendance Requirements per week:

20 hours per week

# ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Below is the list of General Education courses that follow the certificate courses in the program.

Introduction to Business American Government Business Math Critical Thinkina

**Business Communication** Principles of Management

# How will an Associate's Degree benefit me?

All employers want to know that a job candidate has the necessary skills to perform the tasks associated with a specific job or role. However, some employers prefer to hire and promote employees who have demonstrated the ability to commit to a course of action that will improve their value to the company. Earning an Associate's Degree is a great way to show that you are willing to do the work needed to increase your skills and bring extra value to the workplace.

An Associate's Degree can also help you earn a better salary than you would garner without one. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "In May 2010, 20 occupations that typically require an associate's degree for entry had median annual wages of more than \$50,000."1

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Summer 2012\*



# ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

The Associate of Applied Science Degree program allows graduates to obtain gainful employment or to advance in their chosen career.

Individuals who complete one of Asher College's approved Certificate Programs in IT, Health Services or Business can transfer those credits into our Associate's Degree Program.

This course of study prepares our graduates for a career that not only requires a specialized technical skill set but also essential business management skills.

Our degree program consists of six additional online courses. Each course begins the first Monday of every month and ends on the first Sunday of the following month. The curriculum is delivered in online presentations, text, video lectures, and audio files. Students will also interact through collaborative discussion forums and assignments will be due each week.

# **GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

## **American Government**

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of American government and politics, focusing on the historical evolution of government and governmental policies, major institutions and processes.

Students who complete this course will be able to analyze how the historical development of the United States affects contemporary political environments.

### **Business Communications**

This course provides the foundations of all types of business communication including letters, memos, electronic communications, written reports, oral presentations, and interpersonal communication. The course also includes the topics of résumé, application letters, interviewing tips, and employment follow-up documents.

Students who complete this course will be able to evaluate elements of effective business communications, use the English language appropriately in business communications and write an effective business message.

### **Business Math**

This course applies math fundamentals to business applications. Topics include a basic math review, business statistics, profit calculations, payroll, banking, interest calculations, insurance, taxes, and other business topics.

Students who complete this course will be able to solve equations, analyze business problems using percentages and statistical concepts and apply mathematical concepts to business problems.

# **Critical Thinking**

This introductory-level course presents a variety of topics essential to a student's development in critical thinking. Students are introduced to concepts essential to the comprehension, analysis, and creation of arguments: induction, deduction, informal fallacies, Aristotelian and symbolic logic, modes of persuasion, perspective and bias, language and meaning, culminating in the development of reason.

Students who complete this course will be able to analyze the processes of logical reasoning to interpret arguments, evaluate the quality of reasoning behind arguments, interpretations, and/or beliefs and create well-reasoned arguments.

# **Introduction to Business**

This course provides students with an overview of business in an increasingly global society serving as an introduction to business terminology, concepts, environments, systems, strategies, and current issues. Topics include an overview of the business environment, business ethics, entrepreneurship, global business, management, marketing, production, information systems, and financial elements of business.

Students who complete this course will have a solid business foundation for more detailed and higherlevel study in subsequent courses.

# **Principles of Management**

This course introduces students to management philosophies in today's changing world. It includes globalization, ethics, diversity, customer service, and innovation from a managerial perspective.

Students who complete this course will be able to analyze the impact of an organization's culture, environment, and design on management, and apply theories of leadership and motivation to effectively manage others.

# **CAREER SERVICES**

# **CAREER SUCCESS:**

What are employers looking for? This course gives our students Best Practices to create and improve the habits that will lead to successfully planning and executing both personal and professional goals. Results have shown that students who implement these tools and techniques are more engaged, with heightened self-confidence and self-motivation. They also learn to become more sensitive to the behavior of other people, more flexible, creative, open minded, and more accountable in all aspects of their lives and careers.

### **ADVANCED CAREER DEVELOPMENT:**

At the beginning of our programs, each student with meet with the Director of Career Services to start planning for their success. As students near the completion of their program, they will be signed up for the Advanced Career Development Series of classes that meet on a weekly basis for eight consecutive weeks.

This interactive series covers specific career topics such as defining your career goals, enhancing your job search skills, building and using your network, improved resume submission techniques, portfolio development, the hiring process, and more. It also operates as a support and accountability group that gives the participants an opportunity to share ideas and resources.



- I can prove I have the skills and knowledge to perform the job based on my certifications and program completion.
- I can prove I have desirable work habits based on my program completion goal and attendance at Asher College.
- I have the confidence and initiative to win a good job offer because I can present my ability to an employer.

Information Technology (IT) Educational Offerings



BUILD THE SKILLS TO BUILD YOUR CAREER

FIND THAT JOB

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION



THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY IS EXPERIENCING A STRONG DEMAND FOR COMPUTER SPECIALISTS, NETWORK SERVER ADMINISTRATORS, & IT NETWORK ENGINEERS.

ASHER COLLEGE'S COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS ENABLE OUR STUDENTS TO LEARN THE SKILLS TO GET THE SKILLS NEEDED TO TRANSITION INTO THESE CAREERS!

Asher College offers Information Technology training programs that build Core Skills and then progress to Advanced Skills. This step by step skill building enables our students to quickly enter the Information Technology Industry, and continue to advance themselves once they are on the job. In addition, Asher College offers programs that add high-level Professional Skills, and even an Associates degree..

At Asher College, we know that attaining a new or better career is the ultimate goal for our Students. That's why each of our Information Technology training programs includes a wide array career service activities. Asher College employs a full time Career Services Staff, whose team helps students with resume development, interviewing skills and collaborative career search assistance. Our Career Services Staff develops relationships with employers in the field allowing our students access to jobs that are sometimes not advertised.

Asher College is committed to making education affordable for our students. We strive to offer comprehensive education that is unmatched, and we do so at a cost that is less than traditional training providers typically charge. Asher College offers a variety of financing options, all designed to make career education possible. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. Asher College is also approved by the CA State Approving Agency for Veteran's Education for the training of Veterans and eligible Veterans dependents.

### **USE YOUR EDUCATION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS**

Through our ACCET (Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training) Accrediting body, Asher College offers access to accredited certificate programs. This gives eligible students the opportunity to use their employer's education assistance benefits or their active military education assistance benefits to pay for all or part of their training.

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# WE BELIEVE OUR SYSTEM OF COMPUTER TRAINING IS THE MOST EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE METHOD AVAILABLE. WE INVITE YOU TO COMPARE!



# Advantages of Real World Training VS. A Traditional Classroom Setting

- Instructor Assisted Hands-on Training Lab: Allows the students to learn in a real world environment and develop proficiency related to Information Technology. The student isn't held up or left behind as in a traditional classroom setting.
- Microsoft IT Academy Program Partner: Asher College is recognized by Microsoft for our commitment to student success through excellence in education. Check out the plaque in our lobby!
- Hours: Our lab is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00a.m. to 9:00p.m., Friday from 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. Class time and content is tailored to each individual's needs.
- **Certified Instructors:** We have instructors in the classroom/lab at all times to assist students providing guidelines and direction. Questions are answered promptly.
- Retention Rate: At Asher College students can schedule their courses in segments allowing for greater total retention as opposed to sitting in a classroom for an entire day. At Asher College the goal is to put people through training that teaches them the applications they will need to apply in the work environment.
- Vendor Prep Tests: Students will have access to audio, visual, and hands-on resources in association with simulated exams. This gives the students the comprehension and confidence they need to take their exams and apply their knowledge in the business world.
- **Group Study Sessions:** Our instructors lead small group study sessions on topics that are best suited for each specific course.
- **High Pass Rate:** Because of our combination of book work, audio and visual tools and hands on lab resources, as well as one on one tutoring sessions, Asher College student's experience high exam pass rates.
- Career Services: From resumes to interviewing skills, to the job search, we assist you every step of the way.

Asher College looks forward to working with you to develop a training plan customized for you and your career goals.

Asher College is accredited by The Accrediting Council for Education and Training (ACCET).

ACCET was founded in 1974 for the purpose of improving continuing education and training and has been officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Education since 1978 as a "reliable authority" as to the quality of education and training provided by the institutions they accredit. In 1998, ACCET became the only recognized accrediting agency to be certified as an ISO 9001-Quality Management System, under the international standards established by the International Organization for Standardization, and continues to hold that unique status.

Accreditation serves the interests of companies, agencies, and the public through the establishment of standards, policies, and procedures in conjunction with an objective third-party professional evaluation designed to identify and inspire sound education and training practices. When such a process is matched by an institution's commitment to high standards and accountability, a partnership for quality becomes reality.

For more information, visit www.accet.org.





# **Dress Code**

Asher College students dress in a manner that reflects *employability standards*. Students are to dress in a business casual professional manner. At minimum male students should wear slacks or dress denim and appropriate shirts with a collar. Female students should wear slacks, dresses, skirts, or dress denim and appropriate shirts/blouses. Dress denim is defined at Asher College as no holes, no sagging, no tears and fitting appropriately. Students may not wear shorts, cutoffs, tank tops, screen teeshirts, sweats or pajamas, flip flops, or slippers.

Students dress should reflect high standards of personal self-image so that each student may share in promoting a positive learning environment, leading to strong employment opportunities. The number of employers we have visiting our campus each week is increasing and we want Asher College students to continue to be the preferred choice for our employers. Please contact your admissions advisor should you need assistance with adhering to the dress code.

Asher College is a **Perfume Free Environment.** It is very important that each of us do our part in making sure we **do not** wear **Perfume**, **Cologne**, **and Fragrant Lotions or Fragrant Powders** to school. No matter how subtle your choice of scent is, this will have an effect on others with allergies.

We are very optimistic and excited for the growth in the opportunities for our school and our students as we move towards our career together.



# **Weekly Hours Chart**

TIME	MON 8-9	TUE 8-9	WED 8-9	THUR 8-9	FRI 8-8	SAT 8:30 - 4:30
8AM -9AM						
9AM-10AM						
10AM-11AM						
11AM-12PM						
12PM-1PM						
1PM-2PM						
2PM-3PM						
3PM-4PM						
4PM-5PM						
5PM-6PM						
6PM-7PM						
7PM-8PM						
8PM-9PM						

WORKSHEET: A.) Fill out the boxes that you cannot come to school with an X. B.) Based on the remaining boxes, what are realistic times for you to spend in a minimum of 3 hours blocks? Write an S in those boxes. Looking at the boxes with an S in them, Can you commit to 15 or 20 hours per week?





Drop off Thursdays from 2pm -5pm CALL TODAY FOR APPOINTMENT



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# Do you know someone who is ready to change their lives?

# Tell them about your experience at Asher College!

Our staff is dedicated to getting our students market driven training that can change their lives. Let us help you help your friends and family with a rewarding career.

Our flexible schedule can accommodate students from 8am to 9pm, Monday through Thursday ~ 8am to 8pm on Friday and even 8:30am to 4:30pm on Saturday.

# Call us at 916-649-9600 or introduce them to us today!

Your Name:	Your Program:	
Their name:	Phone #:	
Email Address:		
Relationship: (Friend, family etc.)		
They would be a good fit here because:		