

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY– PROGRAMMING AND DEVELOPMENT WITH A CONCENTRATION IN QUALITY ASSURANCE, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS



The Programming and Development degree with a concentration in quality assurance prepares students for entry level positions in software programming and testing. This degree helps students gain theoretical knowledge and practical experience with software programming and testing. Students develop competencies in designing, implementing, integrating, and maintaining software systems using a variety of languages and technologies.

The concentration in quality assurance also prepares students to create and execute various types of test plans and write automation scripts according to the software requirements, execute the test plans with various test data and document/report defects. Students will be able to get recognition for testing as an essential and professional software engineering specialization.

Skills acquired will assist students in preparing to take industry certification exams.

This program is available to be completed 100% online.

Program contact: Learn more

Learn more about how certificate credits apply to the related degree and about related training programs.

Related Degrees and Certificates

- Web Application Development, Short-Term Certificate
- .NET Programming, Post-Degree Professional Certificate
- Information Technology, Programming and Development, Associate Degree
- Information Technology, Programming and Development, Post-Degree Professional Certificate

Related Training and Credentials

- Cleveland Codes Tri-C Software Developers Academy

Program Admissions Requirements

- High School Diploma/GED not required, but highly recommended
- ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program is designed to prepare students to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

1. Communicate effectively utilizing verbal, written, and presentation skills to interview and educate stakeholders.
2. Explain and implement technologies that are impacted by legal and ethical issues.
3. Adapt to change within their profession by demonstrating a commitment to continuous research and learning.
4. Apply knowledge of organizational structures, models, processes, procedures, rules and distribution of power and authority in order to function as an effective IT resource that meets organizational goals.
5. Apply knowledge of programming (application, web, data and security) at the enterprise level. Use industry standards, guidelines, and appropriate tools to gather requirements, develop, test and quality assure organizational information technology business systems (new and existing). Work as part of a development team using industry standards and guidelines.
6. Develop a test plan using the scientific method that meets user acceptance criteria based on existing code and allows plans to be repeatable (i.e. performance, user acceptance, regression).
7. Create an automated test for an API/Web Service and a User Interface (UI) that sets up and tears down the test environment and can automate the execution of features and functions of the software solution to determine if the actual output is the anticipated output and ensure product success.
8. Triage an issue using debugging skills in both physical and virtualized environments to examine a system, look at the four major resources (processor, memory, disk I/O, network) to determine where problem is occurring (Machine connections, software, user, etc.) and to provide information to the responsible party (i.e. developer, product owner).
9. Write a well-formed query to extract data, set up data, or analyze data in a test environment. (SQL Server)
10. Perform testing on software including API/Web service, Web, Desktop, and Mobile. (Response Web Design)
11. Define and apply various test design methodologies to appropriate testing scenarios.
12. Recognize the various tools that are available to use to script for various tasks, including testing, automation, compiling, extracting, and analyzing data for work efficiency.
13. Create documentation of system defects with sufficient detail and advocating for correction to meet customer needs.
14. Use knowledge of how testing integrates with software development team in a diverse team environment with professionalism, integrity and accountability.

Suggested Semester Sequence

First Semester		Credit Hours
BADM-1020	Introduction to Business	3
IT-1025	Information Technology Concepts for Programmers	3
IT-1050	Programming Logic	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-1010	College Composition I	
ENG-101H	Honors College Composition I	
Select one of the following:		3
COMM-1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	
COMM-101H	Honors Speech Communication	
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
IT-2310	Web Programming	3
IT-2650	Java Programming	4
IT-1200	Introduction to Software Quality Assurance	4
MATH-1190	Algebraic and Quantitative Reasoning (or higher Approved Ohio Transfer 36 Mathematics course) ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
BADM-2010	Business Communications	
BADM-201H	Honors Business Communications	
Credit Hours		17
Summer Session		
Select one of the following:		1-3
IT-2830	Cooperative Field Experience	
ITNT-2300	Networking Fundamentals	
Credit Hours		1-3
Third Semester		
IT-2351	Enterprise Database Systems	4
IT-2200	Software Quality Assurance Techniques	4
Social and Behavioral Science/Natural Science		3
ITXX-XXXX	Programming Elective	3-4
Credit Hours		14-15
Fourth Semester		
IT-2030	ASP.NET Web Programming	4
IT-2500	Software Testing Automation	4
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL-2020	Ethics	
PHIL-202H	Honors Ethics	
Select one of the following:		3
BADM-1301	Small Business Management	
ACCT-1311	Financial Accounting	
Credit Hours		14
Total Credit Hours		61-64

¹ [MATH-1100 Mathematical Explorations or MATH-1240 Contemporary Mathematics taken prior to Fall 2024 will be accepted to meet mathematics requirement for this program.](#)

PROGRAMMING ELECTIVES

Select from the following courses to fulfill the programming elective requirement. Courses cannot be used for both a requirement and elective (in the case of an "or" selection above):

Code	Title	Credit Hours
IT-2080	Data Visualization	4
IT-2090	Data Analytics Programming	4
IT-2100	iOS Application Programming	4
IT-2110	Android Mobile Application Development	3
ITNT-2300	Networking Fundamentals	3
IT-2600	E-Business Programming Technologies	3
IT-2670	C/C++ Programming Language	4
IT-2680	Visual C# .NET	4
IT-2740	Fundamentals of Client Operating Systems and Hardware for Cybersecurity	4
IT-2750	Scripting Fundamentals for Cybersecurity	3

MATH-1140, MATH-1141, MATH-1200, MATH-1270, and MATH-1280 can no longer count towards fulfilling the college-level mathematics requirement. These courses were re-classified as developmental mathematics by the state of Ohio in 2016. Tri-C established a 5-year transitioning window for students who had completed these courses prior to 2016 to apply them towards meeting graduation requirements, which expired in Summer 2021. It is highly recommended to see a counselor to determine the appropriate math required for your current major.