A series of special major courses all related to a particular occupational skill. Sole objective is immediate employment. Offered by community colleges and private educational organizations.

Major courses PLUS General Education courses. Usually referred to as Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) Degrees. Normally requires 2 years of full time classes. Offered by community colleges.

Major courses PLUS General Education courses. It is usually referred to as Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS). Normally requires 4 years full time classes. You may complete General Education courses at a 2 year community college and then transfer to a 4 year university.

Bachelor Degree PLUS graduate courses in specialized area required. It is usually referred to as a Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Science (MS). May take 2 to 3 years depending on the Masters program.

Bachelor or Master Degree and advanced graduate courses in specialized area required. Doctorates offered in many subject areas. Normally requires 3-5 years.