

City College 2008–2009 Catalog Errata

The following is added to page, 132 program section: Biology

Certificate of Performance Applied Biotechnology

Award Description:

Students may take the specific biotechnology courses (Biology 206) and receive a Certificate of Completion authorized and issued by the academic department. It is not intended to nor will it be recognized as an official state approved program. It is intended to provide students with intensive laboratory skills development experience to meet entry-level employment requirements in the biotechnology industry.

Award Notes:

*This is a department award in recognition of information on the transcript and does not imply that a graduation requirement has been met.

Program Description:

Biology is a natural science that focuses on physical and chemical processes of living organisms. This discipline explores how organisms acquire and use energy to maintain homeostasis, how they reproduce, and how they interact with each other and their environment. Scientific processes are emphasized as a means of answering these biological questions. Biologists rely heavily on a chemistry foundation since living organisms are chemical systems.

Program Goals:

Bring program up to date regarding industry trends.

Program Emphasis:

The biology program serves four areas of study. First, it provides a broad background of studies for the biology major preparing for transfer to a four-year institution. Second, the Applied Biology curriculum provides preparation for entry level employment as a biotechnology technician. The biology program also offers support courses in human anatomy, human physiology and general microbiology which may be used to satisfy prerequisites for nursing programs and other allied health fields. Fourth, the biology program provides courses in natural science to fulfill general education requirements.

Career Options:

The following list is a sample of the many career options available for the biology major. A few of these require an associate degree; most require a baccalaureate degree and some require a graduate level degree: agricultural consultant, animal health technician, biotechnology technician, dentist, environmental consultant, field biologist, forester, horticulturist, high school or college teacher, marine biologist, microbiologist, public health technician, physician, pharmaceutical researcher, research biologist and veterinarian. In addition, a background in biology may be required for the following: registered nurse, physical therapist, respiratory therapist, dental hygienist, medical technician, physician's assistant and optometrist.

| Courses required for the Certificate | Units |
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| BIOL 109, Preparation for Biotechnology | 5 |
| BIOL 206, Biotechnology Instrumentation. | 6 |
| | Total Units = 11 |