Nashville State Community College and Middle Tennessee State University Partnership

MTSU and NSCC have developed an A.A.S.–to–B.S. program to allow students who earn an Associate of Applied Science in Visual Communications at NSCC to transfer all required credits earned for this degree to MTSU toward the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies with a concentration in Organizational Leadership. This degree is offered through MTSU’s University College in cooperation with the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies with a concentration in Organizational Leadership prepares the student for management positions in the fields of business and communication. The component courses are in the fields of supervision, organizational systems, communications, statistics, and organizational relations. Other applicable courses include public relations, psychology, business etiquette, human resources, and cultural diversity, providing a broad spectrum of courses to offer preparation for a variety of careers.

Completing an A.A.S. in Visual Communications at Nashville State Community College builds an excellent foundation and preparation for a bachelor’s degree program. Sixty (60) credit hours may be transferred from NSCC and credited toward a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies with a concentration in Organizational Leadership available through MTSU’s University College. You may take some or all of the courses required to complete the bachelor’s degree online to allow your studies to fit around your work and family responsibilities.

How to get started

Contact the NSCC or MTSU representative listed below.

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For more information about the Degree Advancement Program, please visit Middle Tennessee State University: [http://www.mtsu.edu/dap](http://www.mtsu.edu/dap)
A.A.S. in Visual Communications to B.S. in Professional Studies

Graduation Requirements
- A minimum of 120 total semesters hours and 45 upper-division hours with a 2.0 GPA.
- A minimum of 9 upper-division hours earned in major through MTSU.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 in major.
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Math or Natural Science Elective
- COM 1190 Basic Digital Photography
- COM 1111 History of Photography
- COM 1170 Imaging Technologies
- COM 1230 Digital Imaging I
- COM 1270 Portfolio Practicum
- COM 1230 Digital Imaging I
- COM 2240 Digital Imaging II - Photography
- Technical Elective

or

Photography Concentration
- PHO 1110 Basic Photography
- PHO 1111 History of Photography
- PHO 1170 Business of Photography
- PHO 1210 Black and White Photography I
- PHO 1230 Color Lab Techniques I
- PHO 1240 Lighting I
- PHO 1270 Portfolio Practicum
- PHO 1320 Color Lab Techniques II
- PHO 1350 Lighting II
- PHO 1430 Portrait Techniques
- PHO 1490 Digital Photography
- COM 1170 Imaging Technologies
- COM 1230 Digital Imaging I
- COM 2240 Digital Imaging II - Photography
- Technical Elective

or

Multimedia Concentration
- MST 1240 Digital Audio Production
- COM 1000 Beginning HTML
- CIS 1030 Program Logic and Design
- COM 1040 Presentation Media
- COM 1120 Visual Communications Business
- COM 1140 Design Fundamentals
- COM 1170 Imaging Technologies
- COM 1190 Basic Digital Photography
- COM 1230 Digital Imaging I
- COM 1305 Multimedia Flash
- COM 2010 Digital Video Editing I
- COM 2020 Multimedia Design
- COM 2700 Multimedia/Web Design Capstone
- Technical Electives

or

Web Design Concentration
- BUS 1050 Legal Issues for the Web
- CIS 1030 Program Logic and Design
- ENGL 2116 Writing for the Web
- COM 1000 Beginning HTML
- COM 1010 Basic Web Design
- COM 1020 Basic Web Graphics
- COM 1120 Visual Communications Business
- COM 1170 Imaging Technologies
- COM 1190 Basic Digital Photography
- COM 1230 Digital Imaging I
- COM 1300 Site Building I - Dreamweaver
- COM 1305 Multimedia Flash
- COM 2700 Multimedia/Web Design Capstone
- Technical Electives

Total Credit Hours: 60

M.S.T.S.U. will accept up to 27 credit hours from courses commonly offered in a college of business toward the B.S. in Professional Studies. This does not include ECON 2410, 2420, or QM 2610. Business courses are subject to verification. The Professional Studies degree from MTSU is part of the Regents Online Degree Program and is managed by MTSU’s University College. It is NOT a business degree. Students who take concentrations taken at NSCC requiring more than these 27 hours will take more than 120 hours to complete the Professional Studies major at MTSU.

*Students should consult with their MTSU advisors to determine courses that fulfill program requirements. A list of course options is available on the Degree Advancement Program Web site at www.mtsu.edu/dap