

# Railroad Operations - General Option, A.A.S.

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JCCC's associate's degree program in railroad operations can prepare you for an exciting and well-paying career. The more than 500 companies that make up the U.S. railroad industry provide the country's freight and passenger transportation service on a network of some 300,000 route-miles of track. Railroads employ a substantial workforce to service, maintain and manage this extensive transportation network.

In general, this option is designed to provide the student with general knowledge and skills for entry-level employment in the railroad industry. The student is introduced to the history of railroading and the various railroad crafts. Railroad operations, safety, environment and quality also are covered. The student will choose from a list of business and technical electives in order to provide a basis for possible employment and further post-employment training.

For information visit the National Academy of Railroad Sciences (<http://www.railroadtraining.com>). Hover your cursor over the "New Careers" tab and choose from the list.

(Major Code 2800; State CIP Code 49.0208)

## First Semester

CPCA 105	Introduction to Personal Computers: Windows	1
CPCA 108	Word Processing I: MS Word*	1
CPCA 110	Spreadsheets I: MS Excel*	1
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3
MATH 130	Technical Mathematics I*	3
PHIL 124	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
RRT 120	History of Railroading	3
Total Hours		15

## Second Semester

ENGL 123	Technical Writing I*	3
MATH 131	Technical Mathematics II*	3
PHYS 133	Applied Physics*	5
RRT 121	Railroad Technical Careers	3
Health and/or Physical Education Elective ^		1
Total Hours		15

^ Health and/or Physical Education Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/spring/degrecertificates/electives/health-and-or-physical-ed-aas>)

## Third Semester

BUS 121	Introduction to Business	3
ECON 132	Survey of Economics	3
or ECON 230	Economics I	
PHIL 138	Business Ethics	1
RRT 150	Railroad Operations	3
RRT 165	Railroad Safety, Quality and Environment	3
SPD 125	Personal Communication	3
Total Hours		16

## Fourth Semester

Business/Related Electives (see below)		6
Technical/Related Electives (see below)		12
Total Hours		18

## Business/Related Electives

ACCT 121	Accounting I	3
BUS 123	Personal Finance	3

BUS 140	Principles of Supervision	3
BUS 141	Principles of Management	3
BUS 225	Human Relations	3
BUS 243	Human Resource Management	3
BUS 261	Business Law I*	3
MKT 230	Marketing	3
BOT 101	Computerized Keyboarding	1

## Technical/Related Electives

AUTO 125	Introduction to Automotive Shop Practices	3
AUTO 165	Automotive Engine Repair*	4
CET 105	Construction Methods	3
CET 129	Construction Management	3
CPCA 138	Windows for Microcomputers*	1
DRAF 123	Interpreting Machine Drawings*	2
DRAF 129	Interpreting Architectural Drawings	2
ELEC 120	Introduction to Electronics	3
ENGR 180	Engineering Land Surveying I*	3
HVAC 123	Electromechanical Systems	4
INDT 125	Industrial Safety/OSHA 30	3
MFAB 152	Manufacturing Materials and Processes	3
MFAB 133	Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) I*	3
MFAB 240	Metallurgy	2

**Total Program Hours: 64**

## Courses

### RRT 120 History of Railroading\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course covers the history and traditions of railroading and the industry's role in North American economic development. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to list and explain the significance of major events in North American railroading. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. This course is only taught in the fall semester. This course is only taught in the fall semester.

### RRT 121 Railroad Technical Careers\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course includes information about technical careers in railroading, enabling students to choose suitable career paths. This course includes field trips that will demonstrate the relationships among technical work groups in day-to-day railroad operations. Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to describe basic technical job functions, requirements and characteristics. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. This course is only taught in the fall semester.

### RRT 150 Railroad Operations\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course includes information about the industry, its major assets, structure and typical operations. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to define the current North American railroading industry characteristics, basic operations components and processes, and industry structure and administrative processes. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. This course is only taught in the spring semester.

### RRT 165 Railroad Safety, Quality and Environment\* (3 Hours)

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** RDG 126 or College Reading Readiness

This course covers the importance of safety, quality, personal health and environmental awareness to the railroad industry and emphasizes the basic tools and techniques for improving these conditions on the job. Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to define and explain the need for improved safety, quality, health and environmental awareness; describe their basic principles; explain the elements of successful programs; and apply these elements to typical tasks on the job. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. This course is only taught in the spring semester.

**RRT 291 Independent Study\* (1-7 Hour)**

**Prerequisites:** 2.0 GPA minimum and department approval

Independent study is a directed, structured learning experience offered as an extension of the regular curriculum. It is intended to allow individual students to broaden their comprehension of the principles of and competencies associated with the discipline or program. Its purpose is to supplement existing courses with individualized, in-depth learning experiences. Such learning experiences may be undertaken independent of the traditional classroom setting, but will be appropriately directed and supervised by regular instructional staff. Total contact hours vary based on the learning experience.