

# Online Associate of Arts FAQ for Counselors



## Is there any difference between the Online Associate of Arts and the traditional Associate of Arts (AA)?

The only difference between the two is the modality of coursework. The Online AA has the same degree requirements as the traditional AA and results in the same earned degree. No online designation will appear on a student's diploma or transcript.

Visit the [Online AA catalog page](#) for degree requirements and approved general education course lists.

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## What are the benefits of the Online AA program?

The Online AA offers the same quality programming as the traditional AA, with added benefits:

- Flexibility of online courses — Students can study when and where it fits into their schedule.
  - Dedicated support from a program manager to help navigate College processes.
  - Priority registration.
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## How can I refer a student?

Interested students can complete an [Online AA interest form](#).

Students and parents can also sign up for a [virtual information session](#).

### More Information

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## In what situations should I refer a student to the Online AA program manager?

Refer a student to the program manager if they:

- Have already declared an Associate of Arts major and express interest in online-only coursework.
- Are unsure what to major in but express interest in taking all online courses.
- Express interest in transferring to a four-year school but are unsure of their intended major.

Current Online AA students having issues finding course sections, registering for courses, etc. can also be referred to the program manager.

## **What are the entry requirements for the Online AA program?**

To be accepted into the [Online Associate of Arts](#) program, students must complete the [Tri-C application](#), be accepted as a student, and work through the full enrollment process.

If a continuing student would like to apply, they should email their S-number to Andy Sokolich at [onlineaa@tri-c.edu](mailto:onlineaa@tri-c.edu). They will receive a response regarding the status of their inquiry once their file is reviewed.

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## **Can continuing or returning students enroll in the Online AA program?**

Yes, they can email their S-number and express interest to Andy Sokolich at [onlineaa@tri-c.edu](mailto:onlineaa@tri-c.edu).

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## **Do Online AA students need to take all of their classes online, or can they opt to take some on campus?**

Students in the Online AA program must complete at least 90% of their courses online. The remaining 10% can be completed on campus.

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## **How can I help a student who wants to take 10% of credits either in person or blended?**

Use your discretion based on your conversation with the student. Things to consider:

- Individual academic strengths and learning needs
- Student's declared major or academic area of interest

Note that some four-year degree transfer pathways may require certain courses that aren't offered online at Tri-C.