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.

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.

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.

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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. They will receive a response regarding the status of their inquiry once their file is reviewed.

Can I teach an Online AA course?

If you currently teach an online course that falls into the AA degree requirements, then you are teaching an Online AA course. There are no specific sections for Online AA students, nor is there a set group of faculty who teach in the program.

What are the technology requirements for Online AA students?

A full list of technology requirements for online learning can be found on the Online Learning and Academic Technology (OLAT) webpage. Additional information about technology used for synchronous online courses (set meeting times) is available for students and faculty and can also be found on the OLAT website.

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.

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.

Who do I contact if I'm having an issue with Blackboard?

If you're having issues with your online courses in Blackboard, you can find helpful information on the Blackboard Learn Help for Instructors webpage. If you're still unable to resolve your problem, you can submit a helpdesk ticket.

How is the College promoting this program?

As of May 2020, the College has been actively promoting the program via email marketing, social media and digital advertising.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact course modalities, the College is reinforcing that the Online AA is its own avenue to degree completion for students seeking an alternative to in-person or blended modalities.