What is the difference between AAS, AA/AS, AGS and certificates?

- The Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (AA/AS) degrees are designed to transfer to a four-year college.
- Articulated Associate of General Studies (AGS) degrees are designed to transfer to a certain institution in a particular area. A few examples of articulated degrees include: AGS in Criminal Justice with an articulation agreement at Metro State College, AGS in Film Video Technology with an articulation agreement Regis University. For an entire list of Articulated Associates degrees refer to Transfer Guides.
- The Associate of General Studies (AGS) Generalist degrees are for the student who wants an associate degree with the freedom to choose from many types of classes for personal goals/enrichment. The AGS Generalist degree is not designed to transfer to a four-year college although some classes may transfer.
- The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees are designed to develop skills for entry-level employment or to upgrade skills to improve your opportunity for advancement within an existing position. An AAS is not designed to transfer to a university, although some classes may still transfer.
- Certificates are designed to develop skills for entry-level employment.