Bachelor of Applied Science

Posted by almiter - 2012/01/21 22:46

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Posted by VickyPhillips - 2012/01/23 10:51

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A bachelor of science applied science (BAS) is usually awarded in a technical or applied professional area -- such as engineering, electronics, management, IT, vet tech, heating and air conditioning, bookkeeping, forensics, weather forecasting, sound engineering, and so on.

This type of online bachelors degree is designed to help older adults with applied career and technical experience gain college credit in the vocational area that best parallels their major area.

Members of the military often earn "applied science degrees" in majors like electronics and nuclear engineering but so to do many hands-on specialists who work on the applied rather than theory level of a discipline.

Career, vocational, community, and technical colleges often award applied science degrees.

This type of bachelors degree is designed to meet the needs of managers and leaders inside any highly technical professional workplace.

The "applied" degree is very popular with experienced professional adults and is a contrast to the traditional bachelor of science or bachelor of arts degree which
focuses more on liberal arts theory courses.

Applied degrees have become very popular -- especially at community colleges and with older professionals in the trades - so I am surprised that your HR friend has not heard of them.

Do they carry as much weight? In some circles they carry more weight than a traditional liberal arts degree. BUT it is also true that in some career areas -- such as engineering - you will need a traditional BS in Engineering to earn the highest career certification. In that sense "applied" degrees are sometimes seen as "career or voc/tech" degrees.

What is your back ground?
What are your career goals?

Tell us more and maybe we can detail how an "applied" degree might help you (or not).

Vicky Phillips

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