

Education - Specialization in Teacher Preparation

Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

For Early Childhood PK-3, Elementary PK-6, Middle Education 6-8 and Special Education

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Length: Four semesters (two years)

Purpose: The VCCS Teacher Education Teacher Preparation Education degree is designed to provide the courses in general education for the student who plans to complete a baccalaureate degree in pursuit of teacher licensure at a four-year institution in one of the following endorsement areas:

Early Childhood PK-3, Elementary PK-6, Middle Education 6-8, Special Education Licensure, and Secondary Education

Students who enter this program should be aware of the requirements for professional employment in the education field including academic and licensing requirements. Consultation with the Counselor or faculty advisor is highly recommended.

Admission Requirements: In addition to the admission requirements established for the college, entry into the Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree Program with a major in Education recommends the satisfactory completion of the following high school units or equivalent as a minimum: 4 units of English, 3 units of college preparatory mathematics, 1 unit of laboratory science, and 1 unit of social science. Students with deficiencies in reading, writing or math will be required to take developmental studies.

Program Requirements: The world of modern education demands that students be knowledgeable both in their teaching field and in general education. Thus, this curriculum requires courses in the humanities, natural sciences, mathematics, social sciences, and personal wellness. The Education curriculum is designed to lead the student toward meeting state teacher licensure requirements and teaching endorsements. This curriculum also provides a solid general core education as students prepare for pre-professional degrees.

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
First Semester (Fall)				
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
SDV 101	Orientation to Education	1	0	1
MTH	Mathematics	3	0	3
HIS 121	United States History I	3	0	3
ITE 115 or 119	Intro. to Computer Applications & Concepts or Information Literacy	3	0	3
HLT/PED	Health/Wellness	0	2-3	1
Total		13	2-3	14

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
Second Semester (Spring)				
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
MTH	Mathematics	3	0	3
HIS 122	United States History II	3	0	3
PLS 135	American National Politics	3	0	3
EEE	Humanities Elective	3	0	3
Total		15	0	15
Third Semester (Fall)				
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3	0	3
HIS	History of Western Civilization 101 or 102	3	0	3
EEE	Elective	3	0	3
ECO	Principles of Economics 201 or 202	3	0	3
BIO 101	Biology I	3	3	4
Total		15	3	16
Fourth Semester (Spring)				
GEO 210	People and the Land: Intro. to Cultural Geography	3	0	3
BIO 102	Biology II	3	3	4
EEE	Humanities Elective	3	0	3
EDU 200	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3	0	3
ENG	Literature 241, 242, 243 or 244	3	0	3
Total		15	3	16
Total Minimum Credits for AA&S Degree				61

Students are urged to follow the [recommended pathway](#) for this degree when choosing electives.

Additional approved humanities and social science electives are listed at <http://www.vhcc.edu/GenEdCore>.

Students are urged to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the major department in the college or university to which transfer is contemplated; and further, to consult with their counselors and advisors at VHCC in planning their academic program and electives.

Students planning to enter Secondary Education should complete Praxis I before transfer. For more information on licensure requirements, see an academic counselor or contact Eva S. Tilson at etilson1@vhcc.edu.