

# Education - Specialization in Theatre Arts

## Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

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**Length:** Four semesters (two years)

**Purpose:** The Education - Specialization in Theatre Arts is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution. This program is designed to develop skills in and appreciation of those subjects related to performance and production in theatre. This program provides basic preparation leading to theatre-related careers, as well as to the teaching of theatre.

**Transfer Objectives and Professional Options:** Communications, Theatre, Dramatic Literature, Radio and Television Broadcasting, Undecided Majors with an interest In Theatre, Film, Drama

**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.

Students are urged to consult with their counselors and advisors at Virginia Highlands Community College in planning their program and selecting electives. In order to prepare for upper division (junior class) standing at a four-year college or university, the student must complete a program at the community college which is comparable in length and courses to the first two years of the program at the four-year college or university. Upon satisfactory completion of the four-semester program listed, the graduate will be awarded the Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree with a major in Education - Specialization in Theatre Arts.

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>				
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
SDV 101	Orientation to College Success	1	0	1
MTH	Mathematics	3	0	3
CST 130	Intro. to the Theatre	3	0	3
CST 136	Theatre Workshop	0	3	1
ITE 115 or 119	Intro. to Computer Applications & Concepts or Information Literacy	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>				
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
MTH	Mathematics	3	0	3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3	0	3
CST 136	Theatre Workshop	0	3	1
EEE	Social Science Elective	3	0	3
CST 145	Stagecraft (Taught in odd years)	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
<b>Third Semester (Fall)</b>				
EEE	Humanities Elective	3	0	3
SCI	Natural Science	3	3	4
PED	PED Elective	0	2-4	2
CST 136	Theatre Workshop	0	3	1
CST 131	Acting I (Taught in odd years)	3	0	3
HIS	History 101, 111, or 121	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Fourth Semester (Spring)</b>				
EEE	Humanities Elective	3	0	3
SCI	Natural Science (BIO, CHM, GOL, or PHY)	3	3	4
CST 132	Acting II (Taught in even years)	3	0	3
CST 136	Theatre Workshop	0	3	1
EEE	Social Science Elective	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Minimum Credits for AA&amp;S Degree</b>				<b>60</b>

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](mailto:etilson1@vhcc.edu).