

Education A.A. (EDUA)

This program provides a foundation for study towards a four-year degree in education and is intended for preparation to teach grades four and above. The wide range of electives permits students to select courses that will fulfill requirements of four-year colleges. Students who transfer will work towards teacher certification for employment in middle or secondary school settings.

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- describe the organization and philosophy of middle school and secondary education settings.
- identify the patterns of human typical and atypical adolescent development and biological influences across the life span.
- analyze family culture, communication and different family structures and how to support collaborative relationships.
- describe how to develop teaching and learning environments which integrate technology that are responsive to the needs of middle and secondary level students.
- demonstrate professional dispositions through the construction of their credential portfolio.

Transfer information for this program is on file in the Transfer and University Center. For more information, contact an academic advisor or counselor.

Students seeking to transfer and students seeking teacher certification must consult with an advisor or counselor to select electives very carefully in accordance with the general education and/or pre-professional requirements of the four-year college or university to which students intend to transfer are highly recommended to:

1. Identify transfer institution early and carefully follow advisor college catalog, college web page along with transfer agreement.
2. Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Successfully take the PAPA exam in order to transfer.
4. Maintain a credential portfolio which includes clearances such as child abuse, state police, FBI and health clearances.
5. Document all observations and experiences.
6. Take Field Experience I early or lab classes that will allow for authentic observation experience.
7. Engage in Professional Community Engagement and Advocacy—TESA—Teacher Education Student Association (Kappa Delta Pi—Teacher Education Honor Society).
8. Successfully complete six credits in math and immediately take the PAPA exam.
9. Two Special Education courses are recommended (SED).
10. At least one ESL course is highly recommended. You may take as electives the three other ESL courses to gain ESL certification in the future.

Note: Elective courses numbered 101 or higher—any credit course numbered 101. However, transfer students must refer to advisement #1 to ensure transfer of course and credits.

First Semester		Credits
EDU 114	Careers in Education	1
EDU 101	Foundations of Education	
or Elective*	Education	3
ENG 105	Research and Composition	3
Elective♦	Social Science	3
Elective+	Mathematics	3
Elective●	Humanities	3
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Second Semester		Credits
EDU 105**	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDU 115**	Education Field Experience	1
ENG 106	Introduction to Literature	3
Elective+	Mathematics	3
Elective□	Lab Science	4
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Third Semester		Credits
Elective*	Education	3
Electives*	Free Electives	12
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Fourth Semester		Credits
Elective♦	Social Science	3
Electives*	Free Electives	12
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Credit Total **60**

Teacher Education Advisement guidelines for students seeking a teaching career and/or program of study for transfer into a four-year college program:

Recommended electives:

*Education Electives and/or Free Electives: EDU 101, 120, 125, 202, 240, 291; SED 200, 205. However, students must take the responsibility to tailor their course selection based on their intended transfer colleges requirements.

+Mathematics Electives: MAT 125 126

♦Social Science Electives: PSY 140,145, SOC 150, 251, GEO 110, 115

□Science Electives: BIO 101, 105, 110, 111, 115, 116, 163, 164

●Humanities Electives: ART, MUS, ASL, ENG, any other world language

**Fieldwork Experience – this course requires observation and/or fieldwork in a childhood education classroom. Students must obtain and maintain the appropriate clearances (through CastleBranch Account) to work within a childcare facility.

Prior Learning Assessment: Previous job training, certificates and work experience that may qualify for college credit (*see academic advisor*).

Gateway Courses: Based on placement testing in reading, writing and math, these prerequisite courses may have to be taken before placement in College English or Mathematics beginning the first semester and concurrently.

RSS 099	Basic Skills Reading	3
RSS 100	Critical Reading	3
ENG 099	Basic Skills Writing	3
ENG 100	Fundamentals of Writing	3
MAT 090	Mathematical Literacy	6
ESL 251	English for Academic Purpose	6
		<i>(Required for ESL students only.)</i>

Please note, taking gateway courses will increase your time for completion.