

ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER DEGREE

The AA-T, Elementary Teacher Education, prepares students for elementary school teaching careers, grades K-5. Our preliminary degree provides students with interdisciplinary subject matter expertise as required for seamless transfer to a four-year university's bachelor's degree completion program in Liberal Studies and fulfills its lower-division requirements. Its introductory education course emphasizes equitable, culturally responsive pedagogy and teacher performance expectations, including professional teaching standards. In addition, students complete early fieldwork placements in our community, which allows future educators to observe active teaching and learning in today's diverse classrooms. These authentic, contextualized learning opportunities are intentionally designed for undergraduate students interested in public service, through teaching careers in elementary schools, grades K-5.

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. To earn this Elementary Teacher Education AA-T degree, students must meet the following requirements:

- completion of the following major requirements with a minimum grade of "C" (or "P");
- completion of a minimum of 60 CSU transferable semester units with a grade point average of a least 2.0; and
- certified completion of the CSU General Education-Breadth (CSUGE) or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) for CSU, which requires a minimum of 37-39 units.

It is highly recommended that students complete courses that satisfy the U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals requirement as part of CSUGE or IGETC before transferring to a CSU.

Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution and major in Elementary Teacher Education should consult with a counselor regarding the transfer process and lower division requirements.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses:		
EDUC 200	Introduction to Elementary Education	3
CD 105	Child Growth and Development	3
or CD 105H	Child Growth and Development - Honors	
BIOL 100	General Biology	4
CHEM 101	Introductory Chemistry	4
PHYSIC 101	Introductory Physics	4
GEOL 140	Earth Science	3
GEOL 141	Earth Science Laboratory	1
MATH 106	Mathematical Concepts for Elementary School Teachers	3
COMMST 100	Elements of Public Speaking	3
or COMMST 10	Elements of Public Speaking - Honors	
ENGL 101	College Composition	4
or ENGL 101H	College Composition - Honors	

ENGL 151	Freshman Composition and Literature	3
or ENGL 151H	Freshman Composition and Literature - Honors	
GEOG 120	World Regional Geography	3
HIST 170	World History to 1500	3
HIST 100	United States History to 1877	3
or HIST 100H	United States History to 1877 - Honors	
POLIT 100	American Politics	3
or POLIT 100H	American Politics - Honors	

List A - One course from the following:

COMMST 125	Critical Thinking Through Argumentation and Debate	3
ENGL 102	Intermediate Composition and Critical Thinking	4
or ENGL 102H	Intermediate Composition and Critical Thinking - Honors	
PHIL 102	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Logic: Argument and Evidence	3
READ 102	Critical Reading as Critical Thinking	3
READ 104	Critical Reading, Thinking and Literacy	3

List B - One course from the following:

ART 103	Art Appreciation	3
DANCE 100	Dance History and Appreciation	3
MUS 100	Music Appreciation	3
or MUS 100H	Music Appreciation - Honors	
THART 100	Introduction to the Theatre	3
ART 102	Art History: Renaissance to Present	3
or ART 102H	Art History: Renaissance to Present - Honors	

Code	Title	Units
Major Total		53-54
Total Units That May Be Double Counted		31-34
General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC) Units		37-39
Total Units		60

See Section on Degree, Certificate, and Transfer Information for additional information on the Associate Degrees for Transfer.

To earn an SBVC Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) students must complete one of the following general education patterns:

CSU GE requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/csuge/>)

IGETC requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/igetc/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Defend an educational position, view, or theory.
- Develop an educational philosophy.
- Summarize practical knowledge of the teaching profession.