The Department of Education offers two degree programs for students choosing a career in the field of education: the A.A.S. Degree and the A.A. Degree. The A.A.S. Degree is designed for students seeking employment upon the completion of the two-year degree. This program offers a wide range of education courses and internship experiences in New York City Public Schools. If the student decides to transfer to a four-year institution, additional liberal arts credits may be required. Upon employment as a paraprofessional, the New York City Board of Education will pay for six credits per semester for college courses. The A.A. Degree program is designed for students who seek automatic transfer to a senior college in CUNY, upon graduation, to pursue a baccalaureate degree and teacher certification. Students interested in preparing to be teachers should pursue the Liberal Arts and Sciences Associate in Arts (A.A.) Education Option.

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Education Associate Curriculum (Pathways)

60 Credits required for A.A.S. Degree

Required Core

A. English Composition
   - ENG 10 Fundamentals of Composition and Rhetoric OR ENG 11 Composition and Rhetoric I (3 Credits)
   - ENG 12 Composition and Rhetoric II OR ENG 14 Written Composition and Prose Fiction OR ENG 15 Written Composition and Drama OR ENG 16 Written Composition and Poetry (3 Credits)

B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning
   - MTH 21 Survey of Mathematics I OR MTH 23 Probability and Statistics (3 Credits)

C. Life and Physical Science
   - SCIENCE 1 AST 111, BIO 111, CHM 111, CHM 171, ENV 111, ESE 111, PHY 110 OR PHY 111 (3-4 Credits)
   - SUBTOTAL 12-13

Flexible Core

A. World Cultures and Global Issues
   - HIS 10 History of the Modern World OR HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World (3 Credits)

B. Creative Expression
   - ART 11 Introduction to Art OR MUS 11 Introduction to Music (3 Credits)

C. Individual and Society
   - COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (3 Credits)
   - SUBTOTAL 9

Required Areas of Study

- HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (2 Credits)
- PSY 11 Introduction to Psychology (3 Credits)
- PSY 41 Psychology of Infancy and Childhood OR GEO 10 Introduction to Geography (3 Credits)
- Any MODERN LANGUAGE, COMM, THEA, FILM (3 Credits)
- FYS 11 First Year Seminar 2
- LAB Lab Sciences (0-1 Credits)
- Free Elective (2 Credits)
   - SUBTOTAL 14-15

Specialization Requirements

- EDU 10 Child Study- Birth to Grade 6 (3 Credits)
- EDU 12 Contemporary Urban Education – Birth to Grade 6 OR EDU 26 Human Relations in Urban Schools (3 Credits)
- EDU 30 Introduction to Special Needs, Schools and Society (3 Credits)
- EDU 40 Field Work Seminar (3 Credits)
   - SUBTOTAL 12

- RESTRICTED ELECTIVES (Selection of four courses from the list below will depend on career preference)
  - EDU 15 Reading and Other Language Arts for the Early Childhood and Elementary Years
  - EDU 16 Literacy in Early Childhood Education (Birth-to Grade 2)
  - EDU 17 Literacy in Childhood Education-Grades 1-6
  - EDU 18 Literacy in a Spanish Bilingual Program
  - EDU 24 Pre-school Seminar I
  - EDU 25 Pre-school Seminar II
  - EDU 31 Introduction to Learning Disabilities and Inclusive Education
  - EDU 50 Creativity and the Arts for the Early Childhood and Childhood Years (12 Credits)
   - SUBTOTAL 24

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1 Students may select either a 4-credit or a 3-credit science course. Students selecting a 3-credit course must also complete an additional 1-credit lab course to fulfill graduation requirements.

2 Students who have not completed this course in their first year at the college and are in good academic standing can be exempted from this requirement and can take a free elective to complete the 60 credit requirement for the program.