

# EDUCATION ASSOCIATE

Associate in Applied Science Degree | Career Program | Department of Education and Academic Literacy

## Program Description

The Department of Education offers two degree programs for students choosing a career in the field of education: the AAS Degree and the AA Degree. The AAS 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 AA 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 (AA) Education Option.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Education Associate program requirements, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of theory in early childhood/childhood and adolescent development.
2. Apply observational skills to assess early childhood, childhood development.
3. Communicate effectively through oral, written, and/or technological means to support teaching and effective partnerships with families and school communities.
4. Identify environments that support a safe, healthy learning environment for all children.
5. Apply developmentally appropriate pedagogical techniques and classroom management strategies to meet the needs of all learners in any of the following: reading, writing, technology, meeting the needs of exceptional learners, English Language Learners, bilingual learners, and/or creative experiences in early childhood/childhood learning environments.

Please note that the program articulates with SUNY Empire State College. Visit the Transfer Planning web site for more details.

## EDUCATION ASSOCIATE CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AAS Degree

Curriculum Coordinators: Dr. T. Johnson

### Required Core

#### A. English Composition

- ENG 110 Fundamentals of Composition and Rhetoric  
OR ENG 111 Composition and Rhetoric I (3 Credits)
- ENG 112, ENG 114, ENG 115 or ENG 116 (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<sup>1</sup> AST 111, BIO 11, CHM 11, CHM 17, ENV 11,  
ESE 11, PHY 110 OR PHY 11 (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)

#### C. Creative Expression

- ART 11 Introduction to Art OR  
MUS 11 Introduction to Music (3 Credits)

#### D. Individual and Society

- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal  
Communication (3 Credits)

**SUBTOTAL 9**

### Major 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)
- Free Elective (2 Credits)
- FYS 11<sup>2</sup> First Year Seminar
- HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (2 Credits)
- LAB Lab Sciences (0-1 Credits)
- Any MODERN LANGUAGE, COMM,  
THEA, FILM (3 Credits)

- **PSY 11** Introduction to Psychology (3 Credits)
- **PSY 41** Psychology of Infancy and Childhood *OR* **GEO 10** Introduction to Geography (3 Credits)
- **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 Bilingual/Dual Language Early Childhood Classroom;

**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 38-39**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

