

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 English Composition I: Fundamentals of Writing and Rhetoric *OR* ENG 111 English Composition I: Writing and Rhetoric (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

- SCIENCE¹ 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 11² 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

- 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.

