

Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in Education

AREA: Education

DEGREE: Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters (two-year) program

PURPOSE: With the shortage of teachers in Virginia in some endorsement areas, the demand is growing for qualified, licensed teachers. The associate of arts and sciences degree program in education has been designed for students to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete their education in preparation for teacher licensure and employment as a teacher in a public or private school setting.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: The program sequence listed is most accurate for students pursuing an endorsement in elementary education, middle grades, or special education. However, it is only a guide and additional coursework may be required. The AA&S degree in education is appropriate for students seeking a secondary level endorsement as well. Requirements vary based on the endorsement area (subject/grade level) you plan to teach and which institution to which you choose to transfer. Seeking academic advising early with your faculty advisor and the transfer institution is critical to plan a smooth transfer.

To help facilitate the transfer process, each state-supported college and most private colleges in Virginia produce a Virginia Community College Transfer Guide. These transfer guides provide specific information about the transferability of courses and/or programs to their respective institutions. Transfer guides can be obtained directly from the college of interest or can be referenced in the Office of Student Services on both the Fauquier and Middletown Campuses. Students may also download many Virginia transfer guides online at the following address:
<http://www.myfuture.vccs.edu/transfer/>.

Students should begin preparing for transfer as early as possible. Steps in this process include: making a career decision, identifying colleges which offer the intended program of study, examining available transfer guides and college catalogs, talking with transfer representatives, identifying program prerequisites, researching the academic competitiveness of the institutions and program under consideration, attending open house events offered by the colleges and exploring financial aid and housing opportunities.

LFCC offers many services and programs to assist the transfer student. Students are encouraged to seek the assistance of their faculty advisor or counselor to gain additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course#	Title	Credits	
First Semester			
BIO 101	General Biology I	4	
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	
HIS	Approved history elective ¹	3	
MTH	Approved math elective ²	3	
ITE 115	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts	3	
SDV 101/100	Orientation to the Education Professions	1	
Total		17	
Second Semester			
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	
GEO 210	Cultural Geography	3	
GOL	Approved GOL elective ⁹	4	
HIS	Approved history elective ¹	3	
MTH 240	Statistics I	3	
Total		16	
Third Semester			
ENG Lit	Literature elective ³	3	
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3	
PLS 135	American National Politics	3	
PED/ HLT	Physical education or health elective ⁴	2	
		Approved humanities elective ⁸	3-4
Total		15	
Fourth Semester			
CST 100/110	Principles of Public Speaking	3	
EDU 200	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession ⁵	3	
ECO	Economics elective ⁶	3	
		Elective ⁷	3
		Approved humanities elective ⁸	3-4
Total		16	
Program Total		62-64	

¹Depending on the requirements of four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different histories may be appropriate. Contact your advisor and four-year institution representative.

²Math elective should be selected based on the requirements of the transfer institution. Consult with your faculty advisor and transfer institution representative.

³To be selected from the following: ENG 241, 242, 243, 244, or 255.

⁴Depending on the requirements of the transfer institutions, a specific Health course may be recommended. Consult with your faculty advisor and transfer institution representative.

⁵This course requires a 40-hour practicum experience in a local public school. A background check, TB screening, fingerprinting and/or drug screening may be required at the expense of the student.

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⁶To be selected from the following: ECO 120, 201, or 202. Consult with your faculty advisor and transfer institution representative.

⁷Electives should be selected based on requirements of the transfer institutions: EDU 254 is recommended for those pursuing an endorsement in Special Education; EDU 280 is also recommended for some transfer institutions. Consult with your faculty advisor and transfer institution representative.

⁸Humanities electives should be selected based on the requirements of the transfer institutions. Consult with your faculty advisor and transfer institution representative.

⁹To be selected from the following: GOL 105 or 106. Consult with your faculty advisor and transfer institution representative.