

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 associate of arts and sciences degrees (AA&S) and associate of science (AS) offered by LFCC are designed to provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a bachelor's degree. The AA&S and AS degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts.

To help facilitate the transfer process, LFCC has created an online 'Transfer Guide' that provides detailed information such as tuition, GPA, application requirements, course equivalents, and other information that may be useful in the transfer process. The transfer guide can be found at www.lfcc.edu/transfer. The Virginia Community College System also offers a Transfer Planning Tool on the Virginia Educational Wizard, which can be found at www.vawizard.org.

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 information and college catalogs, exploring Guaranteed Admissions and Transfer agreements, 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 an 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 ^{1,2}	3
MTH	Approved Math Elective ^{1,3}	3
ITE	Information Literacy Elective ¹	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 ^{1,4}	4
HIS	Approved History Elective ^{1,2}	3
MTH 240	Statistics I	3
Total		16
Third Semester		
ENG Lit	Literature Elective ¹	3
EDU 200	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession ⁵	3
PLS 135	American National Politics	3
PED/ HLT	Physical Education or Health Elective ^{1,6}	1
	Approved Humanities Elective ^{1,7}	3-4
Total		13-14
Fourth Semester		
CST	Communication Elective ¹	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
ECO	Economics Elective ^{1,8}	3
	Approved Transfer Elective ¹	3
	Approved Transfer Elective ¹	3-4
Total		15-16
Program Total		61-63

¹See list of approved electives on page 41.

²Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate history course to take at LFCC.

³Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate math course to take at LFCC.

⁴To be selected from the following: GOL 105 or 106. Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate GOL course to take at LFCC.

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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⁶Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate health or PED course to take at LFCC.

⁷Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate humanities course to take at LFCC.

⁸To be selected from the following: ECO 201 or 202. Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate ECO course to take at LFCC.