

Education

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Associate of Arts Degree (Transfer)
Sioux City, Cherokee, and Denison Campuses

Program Overview and Opportunities:

The College's range of education programs allow students planning a career in teaching to complete the first two years of a baccalaureate program and earn an Associate of Arts degree whether they plan to teach elementary or secondary school. The education curriculum is designed to provide orientation and background for future teachers, introducing students to the demands and standards of the profession and helping them make decisions about entering the teaching field.

All students should be aware that the requirements of transfer institutions vary and that the standards of the Iowa Department of Education specify differing preparations for elementary and secondary school teachers. Therefore, students are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with the education program at the college to which they plan to transfer and work with the advisors and counselors at WITCC to plan a program to meet those requirements.

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Are You a Part-time Student?

You may take any of the courses in this program as a part-time student. Please refer to any prerequisites before signing up for upper level courses.

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Education Associate of Arts Degree

- I. **General Education Core**
 - A. **English and Speech (minimum of 9 credits)**
ENG 105 and 106
SPC 112
 - B. **Mathematics and Laboratory Sciences (minimum of 8 credits)**
Must include one math course and one lab science course. **Math and science course selections should be made with advisor's recommendation.**
MAT 110, 117, 121, 129, 130, 141, 157, 201, 211, 217, 219
PHS 120, 151, 170 (no lab)
BIO 105, 116, 125, 151 (no lab), 163, 169, 197
CHM 122, 166
ENV 111
PHY 162, 212
 - C. **Social and Behavioral Sciences (minimum of 9 credits)**
Choose three courses from at least two disciplines including one course from each section:
Section 1. History and Diverse Cultures
ANT 105
GEO 121
HIS 110, 111, 151, 152, 211
SOC 200, 210
Section 2. Social and Political Sciences
ECN 120, 130
POL 111, 112, 121, 125, 151, 211
PSY 111, 121
SOC 110, 120
 - D. **Humanities (minimum of 9 credits)**
Choose three courses from at least two of the following disciplines
ART 101, 203, 204
DRA 101, 112
ENG 221
FLF 141, 142
FLG 141, 142, 231, 232
HUM 101, 220
LIT 101, 124, 133, 185, 189
MMS 101
MUS 100, 202
PHI 101, 105, 111
FLS 141, 142, 231, 232
REL 101, 150
SPC 122, 140
 - E. **Computer Literacy/Computer Technology (minimum of 3 credits)**
CSC 110
 - F. **Distribution Requirement (minimum of 5 credits)**
Minimum of 5 additional credits from B, C, or D above)

- II. **Area of Concentration (minimum of 9 credits)**
EDU 210, 218, 220, 222, 240, 241, 245, 252, 253;
LIT 105; PSY 111, 121

TOTAL CREDITS 64

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Elementary Education Cooperative Program with Buena Vista University

Associate of Arts Degree (Transfer)—Sioux City Campus
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education—Buena Vista University—Storm Lake, Cherokee, Denison, and Le Mars

Program Overview and Opportunities:

This cooperative elementary education program between Western Iowa Tech Community College and Buena Vista University offers the courses necessary for licensure by the State of Iowa for teaching at the elementary (K-6) level. Education students must comply with all certification requirements of the Iowa Department of Education. Transfer students must apply and be accepted for admittance into Buena Vista University's Teacher Education Program. Students are strongly encouraged to take the PRAXIS I exam through the Education Testing Center, Dr. Robert H. Kiser Building, Room A258, Sioux City Campus, prior to beginning at Buena Vista University. See BVU advisor for required scores. WITCC students following this cooperative program are not guaranteed acceptance into the Teacher Education Program.

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Elementary Education Cooperative Program Associate of Arts Degree

I. General Education Core

A. English and Speech (minimum of 9 credits)

ENG 105 and 106
SPC 112

B. Mathematics and Laboratory Sciences

(minimum of 8 credits)

Must include one math course and one lab science course. **Math and science course selections should be made with advisor's recommendation.**

MAT 110, 117, 121, 129, 130, 141, 157, 201, 211, 217, 219
PHS 120, 151, 170 (no lab)
BIO 105, 116, 125, 151 (no lab), 163, 169, 197
CHM 122, 166
ENV 111
PHY 162, 212

C. Social and Behavioral Sciences (minimum of 9 credits)

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ANT 105
GEO 121
HIS 110, 111, 151, 152, 211
SOC 200, 210

Section 2. Social and Political Sciences

ECN 120, 130
POL 111, 112, 121, 125, 151, 211
PSY 111, 121
SOC 110, 120

D. Humanities (minimum of 9 credits)

Choose three courses from at least two of the following disciplines

ART 101, 203, 204
DRA 101, 112
ENG 221
FLF 141, 142
FLG 141, 142, 231, 232
HUM 101, 220
LIT 101, 124, 133, 185, 189
MMS 101
MUS 100, 202
PHI 101, 105, 111
FLS 141, 142, 231, 232
REL 101, 150
SPC 122, 140

E. Computer Literacy/Computer Technology

(minimum of 3 credits)

CSC 110

F. Distribution Requirement (minimum of 5 credits)

Minimum of 5 additional credits from B, C, or D above)

II. Area of Concentration (minimum of 9 credits)

EDU 210, 218, 220, 222, 240, 241, 245, 252, 253;
LIT 105; PSY 111, 121

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Paraeducator

Certificate

Sioux City, Cherokee, Denison, and Le Mars Campuses

Program Overview and Opportunities:

This teacher aide certificate program is approved by the Iowa Department of Education. Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to apply to the State of Iowa Department of Education for a five-year Paraeducator Level I: Generalist Certificate. School districts receiving Title I funds are required to have certified paraeducators under the No Child Left Behind requirements. This certificate meets both the No Child Left Behind legislation and the State of Iowa Department of Education voluntary certification requirements. The certificate is valid in Iowa. Applicants must be 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED.



Paraeducator Curriculum

Course #	Title	Credits
EDU 120	Communication, Ethics, and Confidentiality	2
EDU 122	Roles and Responsibilities	2
EDU 121	Behavior Improvement	2
Program Total		6

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See course descriptions in the back of the catalog for more detailed information about course prerequisites and co-requisites.

The courses listed above are grouped in the order that they should be taken each semester. Please see a paraeducator program advisor to ensure correct course sequence.

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