

Education



What is the Education Program?

Education programs at HCC provide a foundation of knowledge and prepare individuals for various teaching pathways, whether the goal is to earn an alternative license, work to become a paraprofessional, or transfer to a chosen four-year program to become a classroom teacher or child care director. Coursework is comprehensive in preparing for a future career in education through various topics, including but not limited to learning strategies and styles, lesson planning, assessments, special education implementation and laws, differentiating instruction, behavior modification, and quality questioning.

Individuals who excel in this program are patient, creative, compassionate, and have a love for supporting all students as they strive to achieve their fullest potential.

What can I do with my Education degree?

Upon graduation with an AAT or AS degree in education at HCC, students will be prepared to transfer to a four-year school to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in their chosen field of study. Once this goal has been achieved and certification requirements met, they will be prepared for the excitement and rewards of working with students whose enthusiasm and spontaneity fill every day with surprises. As a certified educator, you would be eligible to work within public or private pre-kindergarten through grade 12 classrooms.

Why should I study education at HCC?

Never has there been a better time to pursue a career in education. The need for highly skilled and competent teachers and paraprofessionals grows each year. In any of the education programs at HCC, students have the option of taking the classes needed to meet the educational requirements leading to certification in a grade or content area of their choosing. HCC offers students the practical courses and field work they need to gain experience and valuable credentials.

What is an AAT and how can it help me?

Students who earn an Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree meet all requirements for transfer to a corresponding baccalaureate teacher education program in Maryland and will enter Teacher Education programs as a junior.

Does HCC offer required licensing courses in reading instruction and assessment?

Yes, the State of Maryland requires specific reading instruction and assessment credits. These required courses can be taken through HCC.

Can I take courses to be a paraprofessional?

Yes, students may complete any of the two-year degrees to become paraprofessional educators. Paraprofessionals have the opportunity to

collaborate with special education case workers, classroom teachers, speech pathologists, and support personnel to plan for and carry out one-on-one and small group instruction. Education faculty at HCC are happy to assist you and ensure enrollment in the program that best aligns with your goals.

Is it possible to become a child care director with a degree from HCC?

Earning an AAT in early childhood is the first step to becoming a child care director. This prepares you to transfer into a four-year program in Maryland. As a director, you will be responsible for curriculum planning and assessment, ensuring staff meet licensing requirements, finances and budgeting, and working with children, families, and staff. Directors in Maryland centers that offer universal prekindergarten for children three years of age and older are required to earn a four-year degree.

A.S. Degree Education

The Associate of Science degree in Education is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution outside of the state of Maryland to obtain a baccalaureate degree and earn state teacher licensure in elementary education OR who plan to obtain a baccalaureate degree and earn state teacher licensure in secondary education. at any four-year institution. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a total of 45 hours of field experience in a variety of educational settings. Degree students must submit a professional portfolio that meets the standards of the Education faculty and earn a passing score on a basic skills test of high school level reading, writing, and math (PRAXIS I, SAT, ACT, or GRE), or a 3.0 GPA.

General Education Requirements 31-32 credits

Arts/Humanities

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list 6

Behavioral/Social Sciences

PSY 101 General Psychology 3
Select another course from the approved General Education course list 3

Biological/Physical Science

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list –
one must be a lab course..... 7-8

Diversity

Select one course from the approved General Education course list 3

English

ENG 101 English Composition 3
(ENG 101E and ENG101P are approved substitutions for ENG 101. A minimum grade of "C" or better is required.)
Select another course from the approved General Education course list 3

PROGRAM OPTIONS

- A.S. Degree, Education
- A.A.T. Degree, Elementary/Special Education
- A.A.T. Degree, Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood
- A.A.T. Degree, Secondary Education-English

CAREER OUTLOOK

MEDIAN SALARY

\$64K

for pre-kindergarten through high school teachers

EMPLOYMENT



1.5 million jobs in the U.S.
4% growth over next ten years

Additional education-related occupations include instructional coordinators, school principals, guidance counselors, speech pathologists, and reading and curriculum specialists.

(source: www.bls.gov/ooh)

Mathematics

MAT 160 Precalculus I 3

Program Requirements 12 credits

EDU 101 Introduction to Education 3

OR

EDU 103 Foundations of Early Childhood Education (3)

EDU 211 Introduction to Special Education 3

OR

PSY 203 Educational Psychology (3)

EDU 240 Education Capstone Field Experience . 3

MAT 107 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics I 3

OR

MAT 108 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics II (3)

OR

MAT 116 Statistical Reasoning (3)

Free Electives 16-17 credits

Courses should be selected in consultation with a transfer advisor and the transfer institution.

Degree Requirement..... 60

A.A.T. Degree Elementary/Special Education

The Associate of Arts in Teaching in Elementary/Special Education is designed for those students preparing to transfer to a four-year institution in Maryland to obtain a baccalaureate degree and earn state teacher certification in elementary education or generic special education. The program has been articulated with all of the transfer programs in elementary education and special education in the state of Maryland and makes degree holders eligible to transfer to the four-year institution with full junior status. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a total of 45 hours of field experience in a variety of educational settings. Degree students must complete all course work with a grade of "C" or better, obtain a minimum 2.75 GPA, submit a professional portfolio that meets the standards of the Education faculty, and earn a passing score on a basic skills test of high school level reading, writing, and math (PRAXIS I, SAT, ACT, or GRE), or a 3.0 GPA.

General Education Requirements 29 credits

Arts/Humanities

HUM 201 The Arts: A Creative Synthesis 3

Behavioral/Social Sciences

HIS 201 United States History to 1877 3

OR

HIS 202 United States History since 1865 (3)

PSY 101 General Psychology 3

Biological/Physical Science

BIO 106 Unity and Diversity of Living Things..... 4

PHS 104 General Physical Science 4

Diversity

GEO 105 World Regional Geography 3

English

ENG 101 English Composition 3

(ENG 101E and ENG101P are approved substitutions for ENG 101. A minimum grade of "C" or better is required.)

Mathematics

MAT 116 Statistical Reasoning 3

MAT 160 Precalculus I 3

Program Requirements 31 credits

COM 108 Introduction to Human Communication..... 3

EDU 101 Introduction to Education 3

EDU 211 Introduction to Special Education 3

EDU 212 Processes and Acquisition of Reading .. 3

EDU 240 Education Capstone Field Experience . 3

MAT 107 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics I..... 3

MAT 108 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics II..... 3

PHS 111 Earth Science..... 4

PSY 203 Educational Psychology 3

PSY 204 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan Human Development..... 3

Degree Requirement.....60

A.A.T. Degree

Early Childhood Education/ Early Childhood Special Education

The Associate of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education degree is designed for those students preparing to transfer to a four-year institution in Maryland to obtain a baccalaureate degree and

earn state teacher certification in early childhood education (birth to grade 3). The program has been articulated with all of the transfer programs in elementary education in the state of Maryland and makes degree holders eligible to transfer to the four-year institution with full junior status. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a total of 45 hours of field experience in a variety of educational settings. Degree students must complete all course work with a grade of "C" or better, obtain a minimum 2.75 GPA, submit a professional portfolio that meets the standards of the Education faculty and earn a passing score on a basic skills test of high school level reading, writing, and math (PRAXIS I, SAT, ACT, or GRE), or a 3.0 GPA.

General Education Requirements 29 credits

Arts/Humanities

HUM 201 The Arts: A Creative Synthesis 3

Behavioral/Social Sciences

HIS 201 United States History to 1877 3

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BIO 106 Unity and Diversity of Living Things..... 4

PHS 104 General Physical Science 4

Diversity

GEO 105 World Regional Geography 3

English

ENG 101 English Composition 3

(ENG 101E and ENG101P are approved substitutions for ENG 101. A minimum grade of "C" or better is required.)

Mathematics

MAT 116 Statistical Reasoning 3

MAT 160 Precalculus I 3

Program Requirements 31 credits

EDU 103 Foundations of Early Childhood Education 3

EDU 114 The Developing Child 3

EDU 115 Methods and Materials in Early Childhood Education..... 3

EDU 211 Introduction to Special Education 3

EDU 212 Processes and Acquisition of Reading .. 3

EDU 240 Education Capstone Field Experience . 3

MAT 107 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics I..... 3

MAT 108 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics II..... 3

PHS 111 Earth Science..... 4

PSY 203 Educational Psychology 3

Degree Requirement.....60

A.A.T. Degree

Secondary Education – English

The A.A.T. English program is intended for students who wish to teach English in Maryland's secondary schools. It is the result of a statewide effort by two- and four-year faculty to arrive at the appropriate outcomes for the first two years of secondary English teacher training. The English and General Education course provide a sound foundation for the completion of the English major and the Education courses ensure informed career choice and real-world knowledge of today's classrooms. Students must achieve a 2.75 grade point average, submit a professional portfolio that

meets the standards of the Education faculty before graduation, and earn a passing score on a basic skills test of high school level reading, writing, and math (PRAXIS Core, SAT, ACT or GRE), or a 3.0 GPA. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a total of 45 hours of field experience in a variety of educational settings.

General Education Requirements 31-33 credits

Arts/Humanities

ENG 205 American Literature I 3

OR

ENG 206 American Literature II (3)

Select another course from the approved General Education course list 3

Behavioral/Social Sciences

PSY 101 General Psychology 3

Select another course from the approved General Education course list 3

Biological/Physical Science

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list. One must be a lab course 7-8

Diversity

Select one course from the approved General Education course list 3

English

ENG 101 English Composition 3

(ENG 101E and ENG101P are approved substitutions for ENG 101. A minimum grade of "C" or better is required.)

ENG 102 Advanced English Composition..... 3

Mathematics

Select one course from the approved General Education course list 3-4

Program Requirements 24 credits

COM 108 Introduction to Human Communication..... 3

EDU 101 Introduction to Education 3

EDU 211 Introduction to Special Education 3

EDU 240 Education Capstone Field Experience . 3

ENG 201 World Literature I 3

OR

ENG 202 World Literature II (3)

ENG 203 British Literature I 3

OR

ENG 204 British Literature II (3)

ENG 214 Applied English Grammar 3

PSY 203 Educational Psychology 3

Free Electives 3-5 credits

COM 103 Public Speaking..... 3

ENG 104 Children's Literature 3

ENG 112 Technical Writing 3

HUM 201 The Arts: A Creative Synthesis 3

PHL 101 Introduction to Philosophy..... 3

Degree Requirement.....60

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