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 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 found at www.lfcc.edu/transfer. 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, exploring Guaranteed Admission 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 3
MTH     Approved Math Elective 2  3
ITE 115  Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts 3
SDV 101/100  Orientation to the Education Professions 1/3
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 3 3
MTH 240  Statistics I        3
Total                                            16

Third Semester
ENG  Lit     Literature Elective 3 3
EDU 200  Introduction to Teaching as a Profession 4
PLS 135  American National Politics 3
PED/HLT Physical Education or Health Elective 5
Approved Humanities Elective 8 3-4
Total                                            14

Fourth Semester
CST 100/110 Principles of Public Speaking 3
PSY 230  Developmental Psychology 3
ECO Economics Elective 6 3
Elective 2 3
Approved Humanities Elective 8 3-4
Total                                            16

Program Total                                            61-63

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 advisor and transfer institution representative.
3To be selected from the following: ENG 241, 242, 243, 244, or 255.
4This 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.
5Depending on the requirements of the transfer institutions, two (2) credits of an active PE or a specific Health course may be recommended. Consult with your transfer institution representative.

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

Electives 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 advisor and transfer institution representative.

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

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