

# Education Program

*Division of Social Sciences — Curriculum Code: 0206*  
*Will Earn Upon Program Completion: Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree*

## **Why major in Education?**

This program is designed for students interested in pursuing a teaching career in education in a public, private, or parochial setting. It provides students with the tools and information to become a professional teacher. The program is designed to meet the challenge of teaching in today's society.

## **If I major in Education, can I transfer to an upper-division college or university?**

ECC's transfer/articulation agreements with area four-year institutions will allow students in this A.A. program to transfer to appropriate baccalaureate degree programs.

## **Are there any requirements I must satisfy before I start taking courses in my major?**

Based on your placement test scores, you may have to take developmental courses in mathematics, English, and/or reading before taking the core curriculum courses in your major.

## **How long will it take for me to complete the A.A. degree?**

If you do not need developmental coursework and you register for an average of 15 credits per semester, you can complete the degree in two years.

## **After completing this A.A. degree program at ECC, how do I secure my teaching certificate?**

You need to meet the following requirements for certification as a teacher as mandated by the state of New Jersey.

- Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
- Achieve a baccalaureate grade point average of at least 2.75 when a 4.0 equals an "A" grade;
- Pass the Praxis Examination;
- Complete student teaching in a public school setting through an accredited four year college/university.

## **Where should I direct specific questions about this program?**

Contact the Division at (973) 877-3250 for referral to a faculty advisor.

## **Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to:**

- ◆ Demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles of educational theory and practice;
- ◆ Exhibit a broad based knowledge of the disciplines necessary to prepare a student for completion of a teacher education program;
- ◆ Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the basic principles of the humanities and social sciences;
- ◆ Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of lab science and mathematics; and
- ◆ Demonstrate a knowledge of and appreciation of the varied learning styles existing within a diverse environment;
- ◆ Express themselves in appropriate written and oral form.

**\*Note:** Students interested in careers in education must seek on-going academic advisement.

## Education — A.A. Degree Program

<p><b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (45 credits)</b></p> <p><b>Communications (9 credits)</b>            ENG 101 College Composition I 3            ENG 102 College Composition II 3            ENG 109 Effective Speech 3</p> <p><b>Social Science (6 credits)</b>            PSY 101 General Psychology I 3            Any one of the following courses: ANT 101, 105,            ECO 101, 102, POL 101, 104, PSY 102, 219,            SOC 101, 108, or 219 3</p> <p><b>Lab Science/Math (12 credits)</b>            A Lab Science sequence and a Math course            (100 or higher) or two Math courses (100 or higher)            and a Lab Science course:            MTH (100 level or higher) 4-8            Select Lab Science courses from:            BIO 101-102, 103-104, or 121-122, CHM 101-102            or 103-104, PHY 101-102, 103-104, or 113-114 4-8</p> <p><b>Humanities (18 credits)</b>            Select a History sequence from: HST 101 &amp; 102;            111 &amp; 112; 121 &amp; 122; 131 &amp; 132; 134 &amp; 135;            136 &amp; 137; 161 &amp; 162 6            Two 200-level English Literature courses            (Recommended: ENG 205 and 215) 6            ART 100,101, or 102, <b>or</b>            MUS 100, 108, or 109 3            Humanities elective 3            (Recommended: A foreign language course <b>or</b>            REL 105 satisfies the Humanities and the Global            Awareness requirement.)</p> <p><b>MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS: (18 credits)</b></p> <p>EDU 101 Introduction to Education 3            PSY 219 Child Psychology and Development 3            Select any 2 EDU courses 6            Free Electives - PSY 220 Educational Psychology and            HLT 101 Healthful Living recommended 6</p> <p><b>Total Credits Required for Degree 63</b></p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES:*</b></p> <p><b>First Semester</b></p> <p>EDU 101 Introduction to Education 3            ENG 101 College Composition I 3            HST requirement 3            PSY 101 General Psychology I 3</p> <p><b>Second Semester</b></p> <p>Art/Music requirement 3            ENG 102 College Composition II 3            HST requirement 3            Math/Lab Science requirement 4            Social Science requirement 3</p> <p><b>Third Semester</b></p> <p>Free Electives 6            Math/Lab Science requirement 4            Humanities Elective - REL 105 <b>or</b>            foreign language recommended 3            ENG 109 Effective Speech 3            PSY 219 Child Psychology and Development 3</p> <p><b>Fourth Semester</b></p> <p>Math/Lab Science requirement 4            ENG 205 The Western Literary Tradition 3            ENG 215 Modern Literary Masterpieces 3            * Select any two EDU courses 6</p> <p>* Consult with faculty advisor prior to selecting            the two Edu courses.</p>
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**\*NOTE:** This plan assumes the completion of all required developmental courses in reading, writing, and mathematics as well as other pre- and co-requisites for some of the courses, as listed in the Course Descriptions section.