

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

Program Description

The **Elementary and Middle School Education Concentration** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in education leading to teacher certification at the elementary or middle school level.

This concentration provides a strong foundation in child and adolescent development, learning theory, and educational practice. Students explore how learners grow academically, socially, and emotionally across elementary and middle school years, while examining the role of schools in supporting diverse student populations. Coursework emphasizes critical thinking, communication, and the application of developmental and educational theory to classroom settings.

The program combines a broad behavioral science foundation with focused preparation for students interested in teaching in upper elementary and middle school environments.

Transfer Information

The Elementary and Middle School Education concentration is structured to align with bachelor's degree programs in elementary education, middle school education, and related teacher preparation pathways. Students intending to pursue teacher certification should work closely with faculty and Advising & Transfer Services to ensure coursework meets transfer and certification requirements at their intended institution.

Students planning to transfer within New Jersey should explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer (www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org>)) to review articulation agreements and institutional requirements.

Because teacher preparation programs often have GPA standards, admission requirements, and testing requirements, early and intentional academic planning is strongly recommended.

Career Information

The A.S. in Behavioral Science and Public Service – Elementary and Middle School Education Concentration is designed primarily for transfer. A bachelor's degree and completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program are required to become a certified teacher.

With further education and certification, graduates may pursue careers such as:

- Elementary School Teacher
- Middle School Teacher
- Subject-Specific Middle School Teacher
- Curriculum or Instructional Support Specialist
- Youth Program Leader

Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services early in their academic journey to plan transfer and certification pathways.

Fall One		Credit Hours
ENGL 151	English I	3
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology	3
EDUC 178	Introduction to the Education of Exceptional Students	3
Any STSC - Student Success Seminar course		2
Credit Hours		14
Spring One		
ENGL 152	English II	3
CSIT 110	Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications	3
BIOL 161	General Biology I Lecture	3
BIOL 161L	General Biology I Lab	1
HEHP 225	Contemporary Health	3
Choose one of the following:		3-4
MATH 151	A Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH 171	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 158	Mathematical Modeling	
Credit Hours		16-17
Fall Two		
HIST 173	United States History to 1877	3
ASLN 100	American Sign Language I	3
EDUC 261	Development of the Learner	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Choose one of the following:		3-4
MATH 151	A Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH 158	Mathematical Modeling	
MATH 171	Finite Mathematics	
Credit Hours		15-16
Spring Two		
EDUC 277	The Teaching Profession in America	3
PSYC 273	Adolescent Psychology	3
HIST 174	United States History from 1877	3
GEOG 161	World Physical Geography	3
HEHP 160	First Aid/CPR/AED	3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		60-62

¹ A variety of STSC -Student Success Seminar courses are available.