

EDUCATION, AN OPTION TO THE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

Program Description

The Associate of Arts (AA) in Liberal Arts with an option in Education will offer students the first two years of coursework for acceptance into a four-year Teacher Preparation Program. The program will provide a specialized degree focusing on teaching in the elementary school (K-6) as a generalist. Emphasis will be placed on preparing students for passing the CORE Praxis test of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for acceptance into a College of Education. Embedded in the Education courses, students will be introduced to the rigors of the required edTPA for eventual New Jersey state licensure.

Transfer Information

This major provides students with a liberal arts background and real world skills to manage the classroom setting including hand-on experience in the field as required by the State of NJ Department of Education. This degree is articulated with Kean's BA in Elementary Education K-6 & Teacher of Students with Disabilities (several academic content areas available); Stockton University's BA Early Childhood Education P-3 and Elementary Education K-6 with Liberal Studies. Other transfer opportunities are available, visit the OCC Academic Advising & Transfer Services Office for more information.

Career Information

The Associate of Arts degree is designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree for an education program in NJ. The curriculum provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a pathway to teaching. Other career options may include admission/recruitment, corporate training, school counseling, activities director, and community health education. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. OCC students can also utilize Focus2 Career, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers. To get started, log in through Ocean Connect (<https://connect.ocean.edu/Connect/Default.aspx>).

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Communications		
ENGL 151	English I	3
ENGL 152	English II	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
History		
HIST 173	United States History to 1877	3
HIST 174	United States History from 1877	3
Humanities		
ENGL 255	World Literature Ancient through 1600	3
or ENGL 256	World Literature 1600 to Present	

HIST 181	World Civilization to 1660	3
HIST 182	World Civilization From 1660	3
Social Science		
POLI 161	American Federal Government	3
or POLI 162	American State and Local Government	
GEOG 161	World Physical Geography	3
Diversity		
GEOG 162	Human Geography	3
Math-Science-Tech		
MATH 151 or Higher		3
BIOL 161	General Biology I	4
CSIT 110	Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications ¹	3
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	3
Program Requirement		
Any STSC - Student Success Seminar course (https://catalog.ocean.edu/course-descriptions/stsc/) ²		2
Choose from the following: ³		12
EDUC 140	Mathematics for the Professional Educator	
EDUC 178	Introduction to the Education of Exceptional Students	
EDUC 261	Development of the Learner	
EDUC 277	The Teaching Profession in America	
Total Credit Hours		60

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Students may attempt to "test out" of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course(s) in math or science from the List of Approved General Education Courses.

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A variety of STSC - Student Success Seminar courses are available. Please speak to your academic advisor for assistance when selecting.

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Course selections should be based on the requirements of the intended transfer to a four-year institution. Students should speak to their advisor for clarification.