

ENGLISH EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

Program Description

The **Associate in Arts (A.A.) in Humanities and Cultures – English Education Concentration** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in English education or a related field leading to teacher certification.

This concentration provides a strong foundation in literature, writing, and critical analysis while preparing students for future coursework in teacher preparation programs. Students study diverse literary traditions and strengthen their skills in academic writing, research, and communication. Emphasis is placed on understanding how language and literature shape culture, identity, and civic engagement—core competencies for future educators.

The program combines a broad liberal arts education with intentional preparation for transfer into secondary education programs in English or language arts.

Transfer Information

The English Education concentration is structured to align with bachelor's degree programs in English 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) to review articulation agreements and institutional requirements.

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

Career Information

The A.A. in Humanities and Cultures – English 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 English or language arts teacher.

With a bachelor's degree and certification, graduates may pursue careers such as:

- Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- High School English Teacher
- Literacy Specialist (with advanced study)
- Curriculum or Instructional Support Specialist
- Educational Program Coordinator

Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services early in their academic journey to map out transfer requirements and

certification pathways. OCC students may also use Focus2 Career through Ocean Connect to explore career options connected to education and the humanities.

Fall One		Credit Hours
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2
ENGL 151	English I	3
HIST 1XX (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)	Any 100 Level GHIS Course	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
MATH 151	A Survey of Mathematics	3
Credit Hours		14
Spring One		
ENGL 152	English II	3
ENGL 251	American Literature Through the Civil War	3
ENGL 142	The History and Grammar of English	3
Lab Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		4
HIST 1XX (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)	Any 100 Level GHIS Course	3
Credit Hours		16
Fall Two		
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
CSIT 110	Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications	3
EDUC 178	Introduction to the Education of Exceptional Students	3
ENGL 255 or ENGL 256	World Literature Ancient through 1600 or World Literature 1600 to Present	3
ENGL 153	Creative Writing	3
Or Any 200 Level ENGL Course		
Credit Hours		15
Spring Two		
PSYC 273	Adolescent Psychology	3
ENGL 260	The Shakespeare Plays I	3
ENGL 252	American Literature Post Civil War	3
Choose one of the following:		3
ENGL 211	Introduction to Poetry	
ENGL 212	Introduction to Drama	
ENGL 257	The Short Story	
ENGL 258	The Short Novel	
Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/) ¹		3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ Recommended: Any Humanities General Education THTR, FILM, or 200-Level ENGL course.