



Associate of Arts in Teaching

The Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree prepares students with a foundation in educational principles, theory and practice, and exposes them to complex problems and relationships in the field of education. Teachers play an essential role in fostering the intellectual and social development of children in their formative years. Using a variety of active learning approaches, teachers help children understand abstract principles, solve problems, and develop critical thought processes.

Whether desiring to teach preschool or elementary school, teachers provide the tools and the environment for their students to develop into responsible citizens. Any Missouri community college student who has earned an AAT degree is guaranteed consistent treatment by the majority of four-year transfer institutions. Completing the AAT is the first step to achieving a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science in an Elementary Education degree. Bachelor's degree institutions with teacher education programs have different requirements. It is essential to work with an advisor to select the correct courses (categories indicated with ** in the Program Requirements) needed for the transfer institution of choice.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education-Office of Educator Quality is working with representative stakeholder groups to redesign the standards for educator preparation including certification requirements. These changes and implementation schedule will be communicated to students through individual advising sessions, meetings, and/or other college communications. If there are any questions and/or concerns, please contact the Director of Educator Preparation in the Office of Educator Quality.

Other AAT Requirements

- A background check is required prior to beginning the program.
- A cumulative content area GPA of 3.0 or higher is required for EDUC 110, EDUC 180, EDUC 205, EDUC 209, EDUC 212, EDUC 218, EDUC 220, EDUC 228, EDUC 240, and EDUC 250 taken at SFCC or transferred in as equivalent.
- Minimum institutional GPA of 2.0 to apply for graduation.
- Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) will make their own decisions regarding tests that may be used for admission.
- A student who meets all course requirements for the Associate of Arts in Teaching but does not have a 2.75 GPA, (but has at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA) may still apply to graduate with an Associate of Arts degree.

Civics Exam: HIST 101, HIST 102, POLS 101, or POLS 109 taken at SFCC beginning fall 2019 meet the requirement for Missouri Senate Bill 807 (section 170.013.1).

Some programs require essential qualifications to be admitted and retained. Visit www.sfccmo.edu/essential-qualifications. Not all courses are offered every semester. Check with your navigator or the program coordinator. Refer to the course descriptions for prerequisites.