ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING (AAT)

Also see Child Development / Early Childhood Program

60 credit hours

Collin College offers courses that fulfill the state requirements for an Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT). Completion of an AAT is designed to meet the lower division requirements for baccalaureate programs that lead to initial Texas teacher certification. The degree plan best suited to the desired certification should be followed and transferred to a university to complete Texas teacher certification requirements.

Students should contact the teacher education program at the specific college or university to which they plan to transfer for detailed information prior to registering. Contact names and phone numbers are available from the Collin academic advisor, or go to http://transferu.collin.edu.

Please be aware that TECA courses have been removed from the AAT, but these courses are still transferable. Students who have previously taken, or have the ability to take, additional courses should check with the college or university to which they plan to transfer to see how TECA courses will apply to the degree.

To earn the AAT degree, students must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours including all of the required courses listed for the AAT specialization which the student has selected (listed below). Students should be aware that most four-year institutions require a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to be accepted into their teacher certification program.

AAT Degree Requirements

For an AAT degree, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Earn a minimum of 60 college-level credit hours.
2. Complete the General Education Core of 42 credit hours.
3. Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. Students should be aware that most four-year colleges require a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for admission to their teacher certification programs.
4. Earn a minimum of 18 credit hours at Collin College.
5. Complete all the courses listed for one of three AAT diplomas:
   • AAT - Early Childhood Grade 6
   • AAT - Middle Grades (Grades 4-8)
   • AAT - High School (Grades 8-12)
AAT – Early Childhood – Grade 6
The AAT – Early Childhood – Grade 6 is designed for the student pursuing a Certification for only the elementary grades. Areas are: Generalist; Bilingual Generalist; ESL Generalist; other content area teaching field / academic disciplines / interdisciplinary TBA.

Required Courses
16 credit hours
EDUC 1301 Introduction to the Teaching Profession
EDUC 2301 Introduction to Special Populations
MATH 1350 Mathematics for Teachers I (Fundamentals of Mathematics I)
MATH 1351 Mathematics for Teachers II (Fundamentals of Mathematics II)
XXXX x4xx Additional Lab Science Course ¹

1. Check with the Collin academic advisor and the receiving college or university for recommended courses in teaching field prior to registering.

Recommended Elective to complete an AAT
2 credit hour
CDEC 1270 ¹ Introduction to Teaching ESL

1. Prior to enrolling in this course, please meet with the Education Academic Advisor or the Education Discipline Lead.

AAT – Middle Grades (Grades 4-8)
The AAT – Middle Grades (Grades 4-8) is for grade 4-8 and Early Childhood-Grade 12 Special Education. The AAT is designed to satisfy the lower-division requirements for bachelor’s degrees leading to initial Texas teacher certification in all Grades 4-8 certification areas and EC-12 Special Education. The Grade 4-8 Certification areas are: Generalist; Bilingual Generalist; ESL Generalist; English Language Arts & Reading; English Language Arts & Reading and Social Studies; Mathematics; Science; Mathematics and Science; Social Studies; other content area teaching fields / academic disciplines / interdisciplinary TBA.

Early Childhood to Grade 12 Special Education Certification areas are: EC - 12 Special Education; other content area teaching fields / academic disciplines / interdisciplinary TBA. This degree is for students who want to teach grades EC-Grade 4 and higher.

Required Courses
16 credit hours
EDUC 1301 Introduction to the Teaching Profession
EDUC 2301 Introduction to Special Populations
MATH 1350 Mathematics for Teachers I (Fundamentals of Mathematics I)
MATH 1351 Mathematics for Teachers II (Fundamentals of Mathematics II)
XXXX x4xx Additional Lab Science Course ¹

1. Check with the Collin academic advisor and the receiving college or university for recommended courses in teaching field prior to registering.

Recommended Electives to complete an AAT
2 credit hours
CDEC 1270 ¹ Introduction to Teaching ESL

1. Prior to enrolling in this course, please meet with the Education Academic Advisor or the Education Discipline Lead.
AAT – High School (Grades 8-12)
The AAT – High School (Grades 8-12) is for grades 8-12 and other Early Childhood-Grade 12. Licensure is designed to satisfy the lower-division requirements for bachelor’s degrees leading to initial Texas teacher certification in all grades 8-12 and specialized EC - 12 certification areas. The Grades 8 - 12 Certification areas are: History; Social Studies; Mathematics; Life Sciences; Physical Sciences; Science; English Language Arts & Reading; Computer Science; Technology Applications; Health Science Technology Education; Speech; Journalism; Business Education; Marketing Education; Mathematics & Physics; Agricultural Sciences & Technology; Technology Education; Languages other than English; Family and Consumer Sciences; Dance; Mathematics & Physical Science & Engineering; Human Development and Family Studies; Hospitality; Nutrition and Food Sciences; other content area teaching fields / academic disciplines / interdisciplinary TBA.

Required Courses
18 credit hours

Education Courses
6 credit hours
EDUC 1301 Introduction to the Teaching Profession
EDUC 2301 Introduction to Special Populations

Additional Required Courses
12 credit hours
Additional Twelve (12) credit hours of courses in academic disciplines or content area teaching fields

1. Check with the Collin academic advisor and the receiving college or university for recommended courses in teaching field prior to registering.