

TEACHER EDUCATION



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The Teacher Education Transfer Degree Program (A.A.T.) comprises a curriculum that provides the first two years of a four-year bachelor's degree and teacher certification.

Program Overview

Multiple Teacher Education Transfer Degree options are available:

- Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education A.A.T. Degree
- Elementary Education/Elementary Special Education A.A.T. Degree
- English Education A.A.T. Degree
- Mathematics Education A.A.T. Degree
- Spanish Education A.A.T. Degree

Curriculum prepares students to transfer to a four-year college or university in the state of Maryland and articulates with the Maryland transfer programs in education.

Frederick Community College (FCC) also offers an Education Area of Concentration within the A.A. in Social Sciences, designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university outside of the state of Maryland to obtain a bachelor's degree and earn state teacher certification, or for students whose desired teaching discipline is not reflected in existing A.A.T. programs.

Completion of an A.A.T. degree is considered to have satisfied the lower division requirements for a teacher education program in the state of Maryland. This includes general education requirements and the necessary learning outcomes for teacher education. An A.A.T. graduate who has been admitted to a four-year state college or university in Maryland will have completed the first two years of a teacher preparation bachelor's degree.

Each A.A.T. has specific course requirements

to ensure that all learning outcomes are met, and students should follow their curriculum pathway and meet with the program manager regularly to ensure that their course selections are appropriate for their desired degree.

To earn the A.A.T., students must achieve either a) a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale OR b) a 2.75 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and qualifying scores on the basic skills assessments for teacher licensure as established by the State Superintendent of Schools and as approved by the State Board of Education (students must provide the Registrar's Office with qualifying scores on one of the state approved basic skills tests for future teachers) AND students must earn a "C" or better in all courses used to satisfy the A.A.T. requirements. Students must also provide the Registrar's Office with qualifying scores on one of the state-approved basic skills tests (PRAXIS, Core, SAT, ACT) for future teachers.

Admission and transfer to a four-year college or university is a multi-step process and is not guaranteed. Applications to the institution and the teacher education program may be required. Students should apply as early as possible and consider more than one transfer school, as they offer different degrees. Students should consult with the teacher preparation program at the transfer institution of their choice to determine specific requirements and deadlines for admission. Students wishing to transfer out of state should consult with the teacher preparation program at the transfer institution of their choice to determine how courses taken at FCC will meet the requirements of that school's degree plan.



A drug screening and/or criminal background check is often required to obtain and maintain employment in the field of education. Individuals whose criminal histories may interfere with their ability to secure employment should discuss questions with education faculty.

Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The median annual wage for kindergarten and elementary school teachers, middle school teachers, high school teachers, and special education teachers was \$60,660, \$60,810, \$62,870, and \$61,500 in 2020.

Overall employment for these positions is projected to grow 7-8% from 2020 to 2030.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook (bls.gov/ooh)

Financial Assistance

FCC provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. In addition to general scholarships and loans, the following scholarships are available to teacher education students:

- Don and Julie Cleveland Memorial Scholarship
- Maryland State Department of Education Grants for tuition, fees, and books

For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid at 301.846.2620.

Transfer Note

To find more information about how credits will transfer from FCC to a state four-year institution, visit artsys.usmd.edu or consult a College advisor. FCC has an articulation agreement with Mount St. Mary's University, allowing students a seamless transfer experience. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

View required course listings: frederick.edu/education

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