

TEACHER EDUCATION



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FCC's teacher education programs can help you begin preparing for a teaching career. The Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) degree provides the foundation for transfer and future teacher certification. Educators change lives and powerfully impact future generations. Come to FCC to start your dream of becoming a teacher!

The Program

The teacher education transfer program A.A.T. comprises a curriculum that provides the first two years of a four-year bachelor's degree and teacher certification. This curriculum prepares students to transfer to a four-year college or university in the state of Maryland. The program enables students to fulfill their general education requirements, participate in field work experiences, and complete a core of professional education coursework appropriate for the first two years of teacher preparation. Students may be required to take additional courses as part of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree and teacher education certification at four-year institutions. Students planning to transfer out of the state should consult with the Career & Transfer Center as well as an academic advisor at their transfer school of choice.

Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education (PreK-Grade 3)

This curriculum prepares students to transfer to an early childhood and/or special education teacher preparation program at a four-year college or university in the state of Maryland.

Elementary Education/Elementary Special Education (Grades 1-6)

This curriculum is designed for students planning to transfer to an elementary and/or special education teacher preparation program at a four-year college or university in the state of Maryland.

English (Grades 7-12)

This curriculum is designed for students planning to transfer to an English teacher preparation program at a four-year college or university in the state of Maryland.

Mathematics (Grades 7-12)

This curriculum is designed for students planning to transfer to a mathematics teacher preparation program at a four-year college or university in the state of Maryland.

Spanish (Grades 7-12)

This curriculum is designed for students planning to transfer to a Spanish teacher preparation program at a four-year college or university in the state of Maryland.

Required course listings for each program are available at www.frederick.edu

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Program Requirements

To earn the A.A.T., students must achieve a minimum of a 2.75 cumulative GPA and 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 for future teachers. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with an academic advisor at their transfer institution as early as possible and should be aware that some colleges and universities may require higher GPAs and/or additional tests.

Learning Outcomes

- Identify, apply and discuss major concepts, principles, and theories related to human development by completing one or more papers and projects based on observation of children and adolescents.
- Demonstrate knowledge of curriculum approaches and effective methods of teaching and learning through creating and presenting lesson plans applicable to course topics.
- Compose and collect artifacts (i.e. papers, projects) for current and future portfolios and participate in activities (i.e. case study experiences, interviews) to demonstrate how students differ in their development and approaches to learning.
- Demonstrate characteristics of future teachers by behaving professionally at events and experiences both on and off campus, utilizing college-level skills in course assignments, etc.
- Develop an initial knowledge base in future teaching content areas by successfully completing coursework in relevant areas.

Additional Options

Students interested in other areas of teacher certification can also begin their preparation at FCC. They should take ED 102 (Schools and Society) and consult the Career and Transfer Center for advising in order to plan their FCC coursework.

Financial Assistance

FCC's tuition and fees are about half the cost of those at four-year public colleges in Maryland. Payment plans are available for students who wish to spread out their tuition payments. Scholarships and loans are also available for eligible students.

Faculty

Dr. Sarah Bigham is program manager of education and an assistant professor. She holds degrees in psychology, educational psychology, and curriculum and teaching.

All FCC instructors in the teacher education program are credentialed at the master's or doctorate level and look forward to working with you on your pathway to teaching!

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