

# Norfolk State University Bachelor of Science in Education (Special Education)

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Special Education

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at NSU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
SEM 101 (1 credit), SEM 102 (1 credit), and SEM 201 (1 credit)	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation	Students will receive 1 or 2 credits based on the number of credits transferred from the VCCS course. Students may need to take an additional 1 or 2 credits at NSU to meet the 120-credit-hour minimum.	ENG 203 or ENG 286 EDU 201 (Common Assessment & Level 1 Field Experience) SPE 321 PED 365 SPE 312 SPE 440 EDU 420 EDU 381 SPE 344 SPE 345 SPE 332* SPE 445 SPE 490 EED 490	42	Major Coursework
ENG 101	3	ENG 111 College Comp I				
ENG 102	3	ENG 112 College Comp II				*A 20-hour clinical observation is required in SPE 332.
Gen. Ed. Art or Humanities	3	ART 101 Hist of Art: Prehist to Gothic, 102 Hist of Art Ren to Modern, MUS 121 Music in Society, 221 Hist of West Music Prior to 1750, 222 Hist of West Music 1750 to Present, 226 World Music, CST 130 Intro to Theatre, 151 Film Appreciation		EDU 499	12	Directed Teaching & Seminar Students will complete one (1) semester of student teaching with a licensed professional. Also, students will complete two separate placements during the internship.
Gen. Ed. Literature	3	Any UCGS Literature				

Gen. Ed. History	3	HIS 121 U.S. History to 1877 or 122 U.S. History Since 1865		General Electives	9	Students may choose coursework to satisfy 9 hours of general elective courses.
Gen. Ed. Economics, Geography, or Political Science	3	ECO 150 Econ Essentials, 201 Macroeconomics, 202 Microeconomics, GEO 200 Physical Geography, 210 People & the Land, 220 World Regional Geography, 225 Economic Geography, PLS 135 U.S. Gov & Politics		RVE, PRAXIS II, VCLA		Students must pass all assessments required for state licensure prior to student teaching.
Gen. Ed. first Science and Lab	4	BIO 101 Gen Bio I, 106 Life Science, GOL 105 Phys Geo, 106 Historical Geo, 110 Earth Systems		Dyslexia and the Recognition of Child Abuse and Neglect Certification		Students must complete VDOE modules, obtain a certificate, and submit with application for student teaching.
MTH 102	3-5	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning preferred				
ENG 285	3	CST 100 Public Speaking				
EDU 202	3	PSY 230 Dev Psych or EDU 207 Human Growth & Dev				
EDU 101	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	20-hour Field Placement required			
Elective	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education				
INT 350	3	EDU 204 Teaching in a Diverse Society	20-hour Field Placement required			
Gen. Ed. second Science and Lab	4	BIO 101, 106, CHM 101 Intro Chem, ENV 121 Gen Environ Science, GOL 105, 106, 110, PHY 100 Elements of Physics, PHY 141 (NAS 131) Astronomy: Solar System, PHY 142 (NAS 132) Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	2nd science different subject than first			
MTH 103	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning or 245 Stat				
HIS 102 and HIS 103	6	HIS 121 and HIS 122				

EED 233	3	EDU 206 Classroom Management			
MTH 105	3	Third Math	Intermediate Algebra required		
CSC 150	3	EDU 280 Technology for Educators			
VCLA Test: Students are strongly encouraged to pass the VCLA prior to transfer. Students cannot be officially admitted into the Elementary or Special Education programs until they have passed the VCLA.					
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 63				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60	

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Guaranteed Admission Agreement between NSU and the VCCS

This degree program is covered by NSU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the B.S. in Education (Special Education):

- Earn a transfer associate degree based on the Special Education curriculum.
- Earn a minimum of 2.5 GPA for the associate degree.
- A maximum of 63 credits will transfer and apply toward a bachelor's degree requirements.
- Submit your transfer application for Fall admission by March 1 and for Spring admission by December 1, including an unofficial transcript.
- Request an official transcript to be sent upon completing the associate degree.
- Transfer within four years of first enrolling at the community college and within one year of completing the appropriate associate degree.

Please visit the [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org) portal to find course requirements for different majors (Transfer Tools) and Transfer Guides that outline course requirements for specific majors (Resource Center).

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** Transfer Admissions & Services <https://www.nsu.edu/transfer>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** By the end of your first semester at the Community College through College Connect at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- **Admission Application:** By May 1 at <https://www.nsu.edu/Admissions-Aid/Apply-Online>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.nsu.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** By October 1 at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, and complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Norfolk State University within your first year. College Connect available in your account at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- The Bachelor of Science in Education Degree in Special Education and Teaching provides students the opportunity to develop the required knowledge, skills and dispositions to obtain licensure to teach in Special Education General Curriculum K-12 school settings or in community agencies.
- The broad curriculum is embedded with research-based teaching practices to address the diverse learning requirements and behavior challenges of students with mild disabilities and special needs.
- Information on program admittance and graduation requirements, field experiences, state license standards, and passing scores on Praxis and State Assessments is posted on the department's website.

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Completion of a transfer-level associate degree satisfies all lower-division general education requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The agreement of guaranteed admission into the college applies to students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school who have completed a transfer-approved degree with a minimum of 45 credits completed through a Virginia Community College, with a GPA of 2.0 or higher and that meets all requirements outlined in the Transfer Guide.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** All course credits that were awarded by the two-year institution for equivalent prior learning experiences (IB, AP, CLEP, Military, etc.) will transfer based on the transfer equivalence for the course awarded.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at the community college post high school graduation. For students maintaining continuous enrollment, this entitlement will be in effect for a minimum of four years from the time of the student's first enrollment at the two-year institution. Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- NSU has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Top 20 HBCUs in the nation.
- It is close to downtown Norfolk and within driving distance of Virginia Beach.
- On-campus housing is available.

- Weekend/evening/summer courses are available, and online degree options are available for several programs.
- NSU is a military-friendly institution.
- Learn more about our college at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at NSU?

#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

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- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

#### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- The School of Education benefits from support from local school districts in the tidewater and peninsula areas.
- Partnerships have been established to allow candidates (students admitted to teacher education) to provide experiential learning opportunities.

#### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- NSU accepts close to 90 percent of students who complete an application.
- The average GPA of students admitted is a 2.9. However, admission into the Teacher Education program requires a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Students are prepared to meet the Virginia Licensure Regulations for School Personnel and the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP) Standards and Assessments, including passing the Praxis RVE and VCLA Assessments.

#### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students must pass Praxis I (or equivalent) and apply for admission to the Teacher Education program at the end of 60 hours or completion of the Associate degree.
- Students applying for admission to the Teacher Education program must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average with no grade below a "C" and must have passed VCLA exam and RVE, if applicable.
- Applicants are required to complete a portfolio that contains two letters of recommendation, a copy of their philosophy of education, an update on any disposition documents on file, as well as participate in an interview, and meet any other requirements as outlined in the guidelines provided at Office of Clinical Experiences and Student Services (OCESS) webpage <https://www.nsu.edu/education/cpd/index>.

- Students are to be admitted to teacher education prior to enrolling in any professional education observation participation course. Students must continue to maintain a 2.5 GPA and earn at least a grade of "C" for continuance in the Teacher Education program.
- Students enrolled in teacher education programs are required to pass additional state licensure assessments. These assessments are Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA), Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) (Elementary and Special Education majors), and PRAXIS II Subject Assessments.
- Additional state certifications are offered through the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). These certifications are Dyslexia and the Recognition of Child Abuse and Neglect.
- Candidates are required to complete the Emergency First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) training. Documentation of training must be submitted to the Office of Clinical Experiences and Student Services (OCESS) before you begin your student teaching.
- Prior to placements in practicum or internship, students are required to complete a universal background check, the Child Protective Service Central Registry Release of Information (032-02-1515/1), and a fingerprint check by the school division. Students may be liable for all costs incurred. Candidates must adhere to guidelines outlined in the field experience handbook and located on the Office of Clinical Experiences and Student Services (OCESS) webpage <https://www.nsu.edu/education/cpd/index>.