

# TEACHING (K - 5) (A.S.T.)

## Associate of Science in Teaching degree



### Program and Career Description:

The Associate of Science in Teaching Degree is designed for those students planning to transfer to a four-year school in order to complete a elementary teacher certification (K-5). If you desire to teach high school, you should choose a major in which you desire to teach. For example, if you plan to teach high school history, you should pursue an associate degree with an emphasis in history prior to transferring to a four-year institution.

Career	Beginning Average Salary	Median Average Salary (15 Years Experience)
Elementary School Teacher	\$34,122	\$45,354

Career and salary information taken from [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov). Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

### Transfer Options

Students who want to be certified to teach kindergarten through fifth grade should satisfy the A.S.T. degree requirements, as it is the gateway to making a smooth transition to enrollment in all Tennessee Board of Regents university schools of education. Therefore, students who plan to take upper-level Middle Tennessee State University courses in Columbia should follow this program.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at <http://www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information>.



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### Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement  
ENGL 1010, 1020  
SPCH 1010

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)  
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030

Literature Requirement (Take one course)  
ENGL 2130, 2230, 2310, 2320, 2920

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 2 courses)  
Take either: ART 1030 or MUS 1030  
and one from the following (do not duplicate courses):  
ART 1030  
ARTH 2010, 2020  
ENGL 2015, 2130, 2230, 2330, 2920  
HUM 1130, 1131  
MUS 1030  
PHIL 1030, 2030, 2033  
THEA 1030

Natural Sciences Requirement  
ASTR 1030  
BIOL 1030  
PSCI 1030

Mathematics Requirement (Take one course)  
MATH 1010, 1130, 1530, 1630, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1830, 1910

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)  
Must take: GEOG 2010  
POLA 1030 or SOCI 1010

Major Required Courses  
EDU 201, 221, 222  
MATH 1410, 1420

Criminal background checks are required of all enrolled education students prior to participating in course required classroom field experiences at affiliate public and private schools. Based on the results of the criminal background check, an affiliate school may determine not to allow a student's presence at their school. This could result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of a specific course and the AST program. More information is available from education lead faculty.

Each student enrolled in education courses must show proof of individual liability insurance prior to the onset of the required classroom field experience. More information is available from the education lead faculty.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

### Sample Academic Plan

#### First Year – Fall Semester

___	EDU 201	Introduction to Education	3
___	ENGL 1010**	Composition I	3
___	Mathematics Requirement		3
___	BIOL 1030	Introduction to Biology	4
___	GEOG 2010**	World Regional Geography	3
___	COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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#### First Year – Spring Semester

___	EDU 221**	Educational Psychology	3
___	ENGL 1020	Composition II	3
___	SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
___	MATH 1410**	Number Concepts for Elementary Education	3
___	POLA 1030**	American Government <u>or</u>	
	SOCI 1010	Intro to Sociology	3
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#### Second Year – Fall Semester

___	EDU 222	Education of Exceptional Learners	3
___	Literature Requirement		3
___	History Requirement		3
___	MATH 1420	Geometry for Elementary Education	3
___	ASTR 1030	Astronomy	4
	Take Praxis Core Tests*		
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#### Second Year – Spring Semester

___	ART 1030	Introduction to Visual Arts <u>or</u>	
	MUS 1030	Music Appreciation	3
___	History Requirement		3
___	PSCI 1030	Physical Science	4
___	Humanities/Fine Arts		3
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#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 61

\*\*Critical Course - Higher achievement in identified courses is predictive of graduation success.

#### Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earning a 2.75 cumulative GPA.
- pass all parts of the Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests for Educators (Reading 156, Writing 162, and Math 150 or have an ACT composite of 22 or SAT composite of 1020).
- having four Disposition of Suitability forms completed on you.
- taking the Columbia State Exit Exam.
- \* It is recommended that students complete ENGL 1010, MATH 1410 and 1420, and EDU 221 before taking Praxis Core Tests.

#### For more information contact:

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