

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN TEACHER PREPARATION ELEMENTARY EDUCATION Course Selection Guide Updated Summer 2025

Degrees

- NC State: [BS in Elementary Education, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Concentration](#)
- NC Central: [BA in Elementary Education \(K-6\)](#)
- ECU: [BS in Elementary Education \(K-6\)](#)
- UNC Greensboro: [BS in Elementary Education, with K-6 Teacher Licensure](#)

Note: **Students could also follow the Associate in Arts Plan of Study.** Course recommendations would be slightly different. For more detailed transfer information, refer to the [Transfer Guides](#).

General Education – 45-46 SHC (“Semester Hours of Credit”) Universal General Education Transfer Component (UGETC) Courses (31-32 SHC)

English Composition (6 SHC)

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry	ENG 111	ENG 111	ENG 111	ENG 111
ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines	ENG 112	ENG 112	ENG 112	ENG 112

Humanities/Fine Arts (H/FA) (9 SHC)

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
One course selected from ART 111, ART 114, ART115, COM 120, COM 231, DRA 111, MUS 110, MUS 112	COM 120 or 231	COM 231	ART 111 or MUS 110	Any
One course selected from PHI 215 or PHI 240	Any	PHI 240	Any	Any
One course selected from ENG 231, 232, 241,242	ENG 231 or 241	ENG 231 or 232	ENG 231	Any

Social/Behavioral Sciences (6 SHC)

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
One history course selected from HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 131, HIS 132	HIS 131, 132, or 112	HIS 112	Any	Any
One course from ECO 251, ECO 252, POL 120, PSY 150, SOC 210	PSY 150	PSY 150	Any	Any

Mathematics (3-4 SHC)

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
One Math course selected from MAT 143, 152, 171	MAT 171	MAT 171	MAT 171	MAT 171

For UNCG, MAT 171 is the prerequisite for MAT 167.

Natural Science (4 SHC)

Durham Tech / UGETC Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
One Science course selected from AST 151/A, BIO 110, BIO 111, CHM 151, GEL 111, PHY 110/A.	BIO 111 or CHM 151	BIO 110	Any	Any

Additional General Education Transfer Hours (17-18 SHC)

Other Required General Education Course (3 SHC)

Durham Tech Gen Ed Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
SOC 225	SOC 225	SOC 225	SOC 225	SOC 225

Additional General Education Courses (14-15 SHC)

Durham Tech Gen Ed Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
Choose from any course above or from the following: ANT 210, ANT 220, ART 117, BIO 112, BIO 140/140A, CHM 131/131A, CHM 132, CHM 152, CIS 110, GEO 111, GEL 230, HUM 110, HUM 115, HUM 120, HUM 150, HUM 160, MAT 172, MAT 263, MAT 271, MAT 272, MAT 273, PHY 151, PHY 152, PHY 251, PHY 252, POL 220, PSY 241, PSY 281, REL 110, SOC 220				
Where no courses are specified by the university, select courses based on your planned teaching concentration, such as social studies, language arts, math, or sciences.	MAT 263	Any	Any	Any
	BIO 112 or CHM 152			
	PSY 241			
	MAT 152			
	PHY 110/A			

Other Required Hours (15 SHC)

College Transfer Success Course (1 SHC)

Durham Tech Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
ACA 122 (This course should be taken in the student's first semester.)	ACA 122	ACA 122	ACA 122	ACA 122

Education Courses

Durham Tech Requirement	NCSU	NCCU	ECU	UNCG
EDU 187 Teaching and Learning for All	EDU 187	EDU 187	EDU 187	EDU 187
EDU 216 Foundations of Education	EDU 216	EDU 216	EDU 216	EDU 216
EDU 250 Teacher Licensure Preparation	EDU 250	EDU 250	EDU 250	EDU 250
EDU 279 Literacy Develop and Instruct	EDU 279	EDU 279	EDU 279	EDU 279

- All of these colleges of education require qualifying Praxis Core, SAT, or ACT scores before admission to the major. Taking these tests before transferring and soon after completing the second math class is recommended.
- NC State recommends taking ELM 250 at NC State the summer before beginning junior year.
- Students transferring to UNCG will also need to complete three courses before admission to the major.

Suggested Two-Year Plan for Associate in Arts Students Planning to Major in Elementary Education

For more detailed information from specific universities, consult the [Transfer Guides](#). Some students may need to complete developmental prerequisites; others may place out of coursework based on transfer credit, AP/IB credit, or previous foreign language experience. Shaded boxes indicate pre-major coursework. Additional General Education courses should relate to planned teaching concentration.

Year 1 at Durham Technical Community College					
Semester 1		Semester 2		Summer	
ACA 122	1	ENG 112	3		
ENG 111	3	EDU 216	3		
MAT 171	4	MAT 143, 152, 172, or 263	3-4		
EDU 187	4	BIO 111	4		
ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, COM 120, COM 231, DRA 111, MUS 110, MUS 112	3				
TOTAL HOURS	15	TOTAL HOURS	13-14		

Year 2 at Durham Technical Community College					
Semester 3		Semester 4		Summer	
EDU 250	4	EDU 279	3		
PHI 215 or 240	3	Additional General Education Course	3-4		
SOC 225	3	Additional General Education Course	3-4		
ENG 231	3	Additional General Education Course	3		
HIS 111, 112, 131,132	3	Additional General Education Course	3		
TOTAL HOURS	16	TOTAL HOURS	15-17		

Total hours required for the degree: 60.