

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE (AAEE)



EDUCATION

Maricopa County Community Colleges (MCCCD) 2023-2024

Description

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in Arts, Elementary Education (AAEE) degree requires a minimum of 60 semester credits for the program of study. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (4.0 scale) and grades of "C" or better in all courses are required to earn the degree. The AAEE degree is governed by the MCCCD General Academic Policies for Transfer Degrees. Refer to curriculum.maricopa.edu (<https://curriculum.maricopa.edu/>) (click on Current Programs) to search for the corresponding 8101 AAEE. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (4.0 scale) and grades of "C" or better are required in all courses to earn the degree. The AAEE degree is governed by the MCCCD General Academic Policies for Transfer Degrees (<https://curriculum.maricopa.edu/curriculum/degrees-certificates/associate-degrees/academic-policies/>).

The Associate in Arts, Elementary Education degree includes the following components:

- I. Required Courses
- II. Restricted Electives
- III. Arizona General Education Curriculum for Arts (AGEC-A)
- IV. MCCCD Additional Requirements (Oral Communication and Critical Reading)

Purpose of the Degree

The Associate in Arts, Elementary Education (AAEE) degree is designed for the student who plans to transfer to an Elementary Education, Early Childhood, Multicultural/Multilingual, or Special Education program at an Arizona public higher education institution and/or who plans to become a classroom instructional aide. Generally, the degree transfers as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities, and in most cases, its required courses apply to graduation requirements for these Education majors. The AAEE is also embedded within the Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education and Special Education (BAEE/SPED) offered by the Maricopa Community Colleges.

Degree Requirements

The requirements for the Associate in Arts in Elementary Education follow. The following websites identify the courses that apply to the different General Education Core and Awareness Areas: AGECEC (<https://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/agec.woa/2/wo/qEBwEeu9k5ESxdFSGt3Jxw/5.0.105.5/>) and the AGECEC matrix (<http://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/agec.woa/3/wa/agecMatrixReport/?inst=001075>) report. Courses available for both Areas during a current or upcoming semester can also be found using the

"Find a Class (<https://classes.sis.maricopa.edu/>)" tool on maricopa.edu (<https://www.maricopa.edu/>) and on each MCCCD college's website. Course sequence is available at maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates (<https://www.maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates/#programs>). (<https://www.maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates/#programs>)

Degree Requirements

I. Required Courses - Credits: 14-20

Code	Title	Credits	Semester
EDU221	Introduction to Education	3	_____
EDU222	Introduction to the Exceptional Learner	3	_____
EDU230	Cultural Diversity In Education	3	_____
FYE101	Introduction to College, Career and Personal Success	1-3	_____
or FYE103	Exploration of College, Career and Personal Success		_____
MAT256	Investigating Quantity: Number, Operations and Numeration Systems	4	_____
Select one of the following:		0-4	_____
MAT257	Investigating Geometry, Probability and Statistics		_____

Note: MAT257 is required for Maricopa, NAU and UA bachelor's degree. MAT257 should only be bypassed if transferring to ASU

II. Restricted Electives - Credits: 8

A total of eight (8) semester credits is required to satisfy the Electives for Arizona Professional Teacher Standards: three (3) credits in an additional Education course and five (5) credits in Content Area Electives.

Courses must transfer to all public Arizona universities as elective credit, departmental elective, or equivalent to a university course as indicated in the Arizona Course Equivalency Guide (<https://aztransfer.com/tools/>) in effect when the course is taken. Courses identified as non-transferable in the Arizona Course Equivalency Guide cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

Code	Title	Credits	Semester
Restricted Electives			
Select one (1) additional EDU course: ¹		3	_____

EDU110	Education in Film (Recommended)	_____
EDU220	Introduction to Serving English Learners (ELL) (Recommended)	_____
EDU236	Classroom Relationships (Recommended)	_____
EDU/HUM/ STO292	The Art of Storytelling (Recommended)	_____
Content Area Electives		
Choose any combination from the following list of courses and prefixes to total five (5) credits of additional coursework: ²		5 _____
ARH+++	Any ARH Art Humanities course(s)	_____
ART+++	Any ART Art course(s)	_____
BPC+++	Any BPC Business-Personal Computers course(s)	_____
CFS/ECH176	Child Development	_____
CFS205	Human Development	_____
CIS+++	Any CIS Computer Information Systems course(s)	_____
ECN+++	Any ECN Economics course(s)	_____
EDU+++	Any EDU Education course(s) ¹	_____
EED215	Early Learning: Health, Safety, Nutrition and Fitness	_____
or CFS123 & CFS125	Health and Nutrition in Early Childhood Settings and Safety In Early Childhood Settings	_____
ENG+++	Any ENG English course(s)	_____
ENH+++	Any ENH English course(s)	_____

GCU+++	Any GCU Cultural Geography course(s)	_____
GPH+++	Any GPH Physical Geography course(s)	_____
HIS+++	Any HIS History course(s)	_____
MAT+++	Any MAT Mathematics course(s) 140 or higher ²	_____
MHL+++	Any MHL Music: History/Literature course(s)	_____
MTC+++	Any MTC Music: Theory/Composition course(s)	_____
POS+++	Any POS Political Science course(s)	_____
THE+++	Any THE Theatre course(s)	_____
THF+++	Any THF Theatre and Film course(s)	_____
THP+++	Any THP Theatre Performance/Production course(s)	_____
Any Foreign Language course(s)		_____
Any Natural Science course(s)		_____

¹ Other than EDU221 Introduction to Education, EDU222 Introduction to the Exceptional Learner, EDU230 Cultural Diversity In Education or EDU250 Teaching and Learning in the Community College

² Course(s) selected must be different from those used to fulfill a requirement of the AGEC-A and/or those used to fulfill Required Courses.

³ Except EDU221 Introduction to Education, EDU222 Introduction to the Exceptional Learner, EDU230 Cultural Diversity In Education, and EDU250 Teaching and Learning in the Community College

⁴ Except MAT256 Investigating Quantity: Number, Operations and Numeration Systems and MAT257 Investigating Geometry, Probability and Statistics

III. Arizona General Education Curriculum—Arts (AGEC-A) - Credits: 35-44¹

The AGEC-A requires a minimum of 35 credits (32 if FYC is met by single transfer course)¹, AGEC designations are subject to change. See AGEC matrix (<http://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/agec.woa/3/wa/agecMatrixReport/?inst=001075>) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken. Some of the courses have been

approved for more than one designation. Notes below will show how such courses may be used to meet multiple degree requirements.

¹ FYC may be met with fewer than 6 credits if student has transfer credit from ASU, NAU or UAZ for a single course that meets FYC in full.

Code	Title	Credits	Semester
First-Year Composition (FYC) ¹			
ENG101	First-Year Composition ¹	3	_____
or ENG107	First-Year Composition for ESL		_____
ENG102	First-Year Composition ¹	3	_____
or ENG108	First-Year Composition for ESL		_____
Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L)			
COM225	Public Speaking	3	_____
Mathematical Applications (MA)			
Select one of the following: ²		3-6	_____
<i>College Mathematics</i>			
MAT140	College Mathematics		_____
MAT141	College Mathematics		_____
MAT142	College Mathematics		_____
MAT145	College Mathematics with Review		_____
MAT146	College Mathematics with Review		_____
<i>College Algebra</i>			
MAT150	College Algebra/ Functions		_____
MAT151	College Algebra/ Functions		_____
MAT152	College Algebra/ Functions		_____
MAT155	College Algebra/ Functions with Review		_____
MAT156	College Algebra/ Functions with Review		_____
<i>Precalculus</i>			
MAT187	Precalculus		_____
<i>Higher Approved General Education Course</i>			
Mathematics Applications (MA) area for which MAT15+ is a prerequisite			_____
Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications (CS)			
Select one of the following:		3	_____

BPC110	Computer Usage and Applications		_____
CIS105	Survey of Computer Information Systems		_____
EDU/EED115	Digital Literacy for Teaching and Learning in Education (Recommended)		_____
Humanities, Arts and Design (HU)			
Note that some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations and can be used to satisfy (G) and/or (H) requirement as well as (HU). ³			
Select one of the following ARH, DAH, MHL or THE courses:		3	_____
ARH100	Introduction to Art		_____
ARH101	Art from Prehistory Through Middle Ages		_____
ARH102	Art from Renaissance to Modernism		_____
DAH100	Introduction to Dance		_____
DAH201	Dance, Culture, and Global Contexts		_____
DAH250	Dance in Popular Culture		_____
MHL140	Survey of Music History		_____
MHL145	American Jazz and Popular Music		_____
MHL146	Survey of Broadway Musicals		_____
MHL153	Rock Music and Culture		_____
THE111	Introduction to Theatre		_____
THE220	Modern Drama		_____
Select one of the following EDU, ENH or HUM courses:		3	_____
EDU/ENH291	Children's Literature (Recommended)		_____
ENH110	Introduction to Literature		_____
ENH241	American Literature Before 1860		_____

ENH242	American Literature After 1860	_____
HUM250	Ideas and Values in the Humanities: Early Civilizations to the Renaissance	_____
HUM251	Ideas and Values in the Humanities: Renaissance to the Contemporary World	_____
Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)		
Note that some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations and can be used to satisfy (G) and/or (H) requirement as well as (SB). ³		
Select one of the following US History/Government courses: ⁴		3
These courses satisfy the United States Constitution requirement for state teacher certification.		
GCU/POS113	United States and Arizona Social Studies	_____
HIS103	United States History to 1865	_____
POS110	American National Government	_____
Select one of the following CFS, ECH, GCU, ECN, HIS or PSY courses:		3
CFS205	Human Development	_____
CFS/ECH176	Child Development (Recommended)	_____
ECN211	Macroeconomic Principles	_____
ECN212	Microeconomic Principles	_____
GCU121	World Geography I: Eastern Hemisphere	_____
GCU122	World Geography II: Western Hemisphere	_____

HIS104	United States History 1865 to Present	_____
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	_____
Natural Sciences (SQ/SG)		
The lecture courses selected for Natural Sciences must include or be accompanied by the corresponding laboratory course for a total of four (4) credits each. At least four (4) credits must be designated as SQ. Eight (8) credits of SG will not satisfy this requirement		
<i>Life Sciences</i>		
Select four (4) credits of SQ or SG in Biology (BIO)	4	_____
<i>Physical Sciences or Earth/Space Sciences</i>		
Select four (4) credits of SQ or SG from one of the following prefixes: AGS, ASM, AST, CHM, GPH, GLG, PHS, or PHY	4	_____
Note: Students are advised to check with the university they plan to attend as specific requirements for lab sciences may vary		
Awareness Areas		
Select one of the following:	0-3	_____
Cultural Diversity in the United States (C) ⁵		
Global Awareness (G) or Historical Awareness (H) ⁶		

¹ FYC may be met with fewer than 6 credits if student has transfer credit from ASU, NAU or UAZ for a single course that meets FYC in full.

² Note that MAT182 Plane Trigonometry, MAT206 Elements of Statistics, MAT256 Investigating Quantity: Number, Operations and Numeration Systems, MAT257 Investigating Geometry, Probability and Statistics do NOT meet this requirement.

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⁴ State certification requirements include courses on the constitutions of U.S. and Arizona. Taking GCU113 United States and Arizona Social Studies/POS113 United States and Arizona Social Studies for (SB) fulfills this requirement completely. Students who instead take HIS103 United States History to 1865 or POS110 American National Government for (SB) should consider taking POS221 Arizona Constitution as a Content Area Elective so they have completed study of both constitutions. POS220 U.S. and Arizona Constitution meets state certification requirements for both constitutions but does not meet (SB).

⁵ Met by EDU222 Introduction to the Exceptional Learner and EDU230 Cultural Diversity In Education in Required Courses

⁶ May be met by [HU] and/or [SB] course depending on specific courses selected. (AGEC designations are subject to change. See AGECEC matrix (<https://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/agec.woa/3/wa/agecMatrixReport?inst=001075>) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.)

IV. MCCCED Additional Requirements - Credits: 0-3

- a. Oral Communications
Met by COM225 Public Speaking that is required to satisfy AGECEC-A Literacy and Critical Inquiry [L]
- b. Critical Reading
Students may demonstrate proficiency through assessment. CRE101 College Critical Reading and Critical Thinking [L] or equivalent as indicated by assessment

Total: 60-64¹

¹ 64 semester credits is the maximum accepted toward most degree programs at Arizona's public universities. Some exceptions apply; consult with an academic advisor for additional transfer pathways.