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Associate in Science:
Teacher Preparation (ASTP)
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Associate in Science: Teacher Preparation

The Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation degree shall be granted for a planned program of study consisting of a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit (SHC) of college transfer courses. Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and the basic computer use.

The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) and the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (ICAA) enables North Carolina community college graduates of two-year associate in science programs who are admitted to constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and to Signatory Institutions of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities to transfer with junior status.

Community college graduates must obtain a grade of "C" or better in each course and an overall GPA of at least 2.7 on a 4.0 scale in order to transfer with a junior status. Courses may also transfer through bilateral agreements between institutions.

The Associate of Science in Teacher Preparation degree is appropriate for students pursuing licensure in Elementary Education (K-6) and Special Education (K-12).

Specific Program Requirements:

1. In order to obtain employment in the field in North Carolina, students must pass a criminal background check and be approved by their district's Board of Education.
2. Students must be able to pass a background check conducted through the respective school system to be eligible for Level II entry into school facilities. Failure to obtain Level II entry may result in the student's inability to complete course requirements. The College does not guarantee placement for students unable to obtain Level II entry.

Total Cost Estimate

Tuition per Semester (NC Resident)	\$1,216.00 (16+ credit hours) \$76.00/credit hour (1-15 hours)
Computer Use and Technology Fee	\$48/semester
Activity Fee	Fall and Spring semesters only, Main campus and Online, \$35.00
CAPS Fee (Campus Access, Parking and Security)	\$20/semester
Matriculation Fee	\$10/semester
Student Insurance	\$2/Semester

Additional Fees including books may incur, please check A-B Tech website for more detail: <https://abtech.edu/program/associate-science-teacher-preparation-cost-estimate>

Have you applied for Financial aid? Please visit A-B Tech website for instructions: <https://abtech.edu/future-students/financial-aid/applying-aid>

Courses requiring a grade of "C" or better: ACA, ART, CHM, COM, EDU, ENG, HUM, MAT, PSY, and SOC

	Course Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours
First Semester (Fall)	ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1
	CHM 151	General Chemistry I (or BIO-111)	4
	EDU 216	Foundations of Education	3
	ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	MAT 171	Precalculus Algebra	4
Second Semester (Spring)	CHM 152	General Chemistry II (or BIO-112)	4
	ENG 112	Writing/Research in the Disc	3
	MAT 172	Precalculus Trigonometry	4
	PSY 150	General Psychology	3
		GenEd Elective (see advisor)	3
Third Semester (Summer)	ART 111	Art Appreciation	3
	EDU 187	Teaching and Learning for All	4
	EDU 250	Teacher Licensure Preparation	3
	SOC 225	Social Diversity	3
		GenEd Elective (see advisor)	3
Fourth Semester (Fall)	COM 231	Public Speaking	3
	EDU 279	Literacy Develop and Instruct	4
	HUM 220	Human Values and Meaning	3
		GenEd Elective (see advisor)	3
Program Totals:			61

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