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	Entry-Level Education	Entry-Level Pay	Median Pay	Experienced Pay
Elementary School Teacher	Bachelor's degree	$38,490	$48,750	$55,890

Career and salary information taken from *JOBS4TN.GOV*. Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at *www.bls.gov*. Visit the Occupational Outlook Handbook on this website. 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 this major at the transfer institutions with 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 *www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information*.

COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Major in Teaching (K-5) (A.S.T.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement
COMM 2025
ENGL 1010, 1020

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

Literature Requirement (Take one course)
ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 2 courses)
Take either: ART 1035 <u>or</u> MUS 1030
and one from the following (do not duplicate courses):
ART 1035, 2000, 2020
ENGL 2055, 2130, 2160, 2235, 2860
HUM 1010, 1020
MUS 1030
PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200
THEA 1030

Natural Sciences Requirement
ASTR 1030
BIOL 1080
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
POLS 1030

Major Required Courses
COLS 101
EDU 201, 222
EDUC 2210
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.

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Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

____	EDU 201	Introduction to Education	3
____	ENGL 1010**	English Composition I	3
____	Mathematics Requirement		3
____	BIOL 1080	Concepts of Biology	4
____	GEOG 2010**	World Regional Geography	3
____	COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

____	EDUC 2210**	Educational Psychology	3
____	ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
____	COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication	3
____	MATH 1410**	Number Concepts for Teachers	3
____	POLS 1030**	American Government	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 Concepts for Teachers	3
____	ASTR 1030	Survey of Astronomy	4
Take Praxis Core Tests*			
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Second Year – Spring Semester

____	ART 1035	Introduction to Art **or**	
	MUS 1030	Introduction to Music	3
____	History Requirement		3
____	PSCI 1030	Survey of 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 cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- 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 EDUC 2210 before taking Praxis Core Tests.

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