

Elementary Education (K-6)

Pittsburg State University

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Program Description

The Associate of Arts (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>), AA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

- The systemwide transfer degree provides a pathway from any Kansas public community college offering the degree to any Kansas public university for individuals desiring to become licensed as a PK6 elementary teacher. The pathway identifies courses/credit hours to be taken at the community college level and reflect the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) General Education (https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/general-education/seven-bucket-framework/) framework "buckets" and recommended education coursework.
- Visit the JCCC Associate of Arts in Elementary Education (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/certificates/education/elementary-education-aa/>) degree for more information.
- These courses/credit hours transfer to any KBOR university as the first sixty hours toward a 120-hour PK-6 Elementary Education program degree. The remaining sixty hours at KBOR universities are the required courses to complete the PK-6 Elementary Education degree.
- Visit the full Pitt State University Course Catalog (<https://www.pittstate.edu/registrar/catalog/archive/2025-2026/>) for more information.

Admission Requirements

Requirements for Admission for Elementary Education K-6 Majors:

1. Complete the application for admission to Teacher Education.
2. Be recommended for Teacher Education by Exploration in Education or Transfer Student Module instructor and one other college instructor.
3. Meet the basic skills requirement with a minimum ACT composite score of 22 OR CORE Writing 162, Reading 156 and Math 142. (Other basic skills options may be available by petition.)
4. Complete EDUC 261 or equivalent with a minimum grade of "C".
5. Complete EDUC 345 Transfer Student Module (for students transferring credit for EDUC 161).
6. Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.50.
7. Complete a background check.
8. The minimum requirements for graduation include: 126 credit hours; 60 credit hours must be from a four-year school. In addition, a minimum of 45 credit hours must be upper-division and a minimum of 30 hours must be in residence at Pitt State.

KBOR General Education Program (34-35 credit hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
English – Bucket #1 – 6 credit hours					
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3	ENGL 101	College English I	3
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review*	5	ENGL 101	English Composition++	
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3	ENGL 299	Intro to Research Writing++	
Communications – Bucket #2 – 3 credit hours					
Select one of the following:					
COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	COMM 207	Speech Communication	3
COMS 125	Personal Communication	3	COMM 207	Speech Communication++	
Mathematics & Statistics – Bucket #3 – 3 credit hours					
MATH 210	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I*	3	MATH 204	Mathematics for Education I	3
Natural & Physical Sciences – Bucket #4 – 4-5 credit hours from One Subject (must include a lab)					
EVRN 130	Environmental Science	3	BIOL 113	Environmental Life Science	4
EVRN 132	Environmental Science Laboratory*	2	BIOL 113	Environmental Life Science	4
Social & Behavioral Sciences – Bucket #5 – 6 credit hours from at least two courses from two subject areas					
Select one of the following:					
ECON 230	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECON 201	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
ECON 231	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 200	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
GEOS 145	World Regional Geography	3	GEOG 106	World Regional Geography	3
POLS 124	American National Government	3	POLS 101	American Government	3
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYCH 155	General Psychology	3
Art & Humanities – Bucket #6 – 6 credit hours at least two courses from two subject areas					
Select one of the following:					
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877	3	HIST 201	American History to 1865	3
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877	3	HIST 202	American History from 1865	3

Fine Art: Open Elective from Art, Music, Theatre, or Literature within Bucket #6. Visit the PSU General Education Core Requirements for JCCC equivalents.

Elementary Designated – Bucket #7 – 6 credit hours

UGS 150 Gorilla Gateway (2 hrs) ^{Waived for transfer}
students with 45 credits or more

Select one of the following:

HPER 192	Wellness for Life	1	HHP 150 Lifetime Fitness Concepts		
HPER 240	Lifetime Fitness I	1	HHP 150	Lifetime Fitness Concepts	1
EDUC 224	Technology in Education 3 for K-12 Educators	3	EDTH 330	Techniques Teaching/Learning	3

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

++ Must earn a minimum grade of "C" in ENGL 101, ENGL 299, COMM 207 and three credit hours of mathematics.

^ PSYC 130 Introduction to Psychology at JCCC should be taken in Bucket #5, since it is a pre-requisite for PSYC 218 Human Development that is required for the Teacher Education Program.

KBOR Teacher Education Program (25-26 credit hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
EDUC 121	Introduction to Teaching*	3	EDUC 261	Explorations in Education	3
EDUC 220	Survey of the Exceptional Child*	3	SPED 510	Overview Inclusive Education	3
EDUC 221	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for K-12 Educators	3	EDUC 551 English Language Learners in the Classroom+		
ENGL 232	Children's Literature*	3	EDUC 252	Children's Literature	3

Creative Expressions:

Select one of the following:

MUS 124	Basic Music for the Elementary Classroom	2	MUSIC 140	Children's Music	3
HPER 245	Health and Physical Education for the Elementary Classroom Teacher	3	HHP 341 & HPER 302	Elem School Phys Ed Health and Elem School Phys Ed Hlth	3

Select one of the following:

PSYC 215	Child Development*	3	PSYCH 263 Developmental Psychology+		
PSYC 218	Human Development*	3	PSYCH 263	Developmental Psychology	3

Select one of the following:

PHYS 130	College Physics I* Physical Science/ Physics Course - Any physical science/physics course within Bucket #4, lab NOT required (recommended)	5	PHYS 100	College Physics I	4
PSCI 120	Physical Science Physical Science/ Physics Course - Any physical science/physics course within Bucket #4, lab NOT required (recommended)	4	PHYS 171	Physical Science	3

Free Elective in Education+ Free Elective from any Education course that has not been used to meet other requirements. Preference for an education course or early childhood course but not limited.

Open Electives – to complete Associate degree#
Visit the Open Electives within the System Wide Transfer List to complete a minimum of 60 credit hours for transfer.#

- * JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.
- ^^ EDUC 261 requires an additional 33 hours of field experience outside of class.
- + Must meet the Basic Skills requirement of ACT composite score of 22 or higher to enroll in any EDUC courses with the exception of EDUC 252, EDUC 261 and EDUC 321.
- # MATH 212 Math for Elementary Teachers II* at JCCC will transfer for MATH 304 Mathematics for Education II at PSU as an open elective.

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