

Des Moines Area Community College Elementary Education

For students planning to transfer to UNI and major in Elementary Education, the following plan of study is generally recommended:

1. Complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) at Des Moines Area Community College
2. Complete ALL of the following courses at DMACC (as electives within the A.A. degree):

| UNI COURSE | UNI NAME | DMACC COURSE | DMACC NAME |
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| LITED 1044 | Children's Literature | LIT 105 | Children's Literature |
| TEACHING 2017 & TEACHING 3128 | Level I Field Experience & Level II Field Experience | EDU 218 | Initial Field Experience |
| MATH 1204 | Math Reasoning for Elementary Teachers I | MAT 114 | Math for Elementary Teachers I |
| MATH 2204 | Math Reasoning for Elementary Teachers II | MAT 116 | Math for Elementary Teachers II |
| SPED 3150 | Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in the Classroom | EDU 245 | Exceptional Learner |
| EDPSYCH 2030 | Dynamics of Human Development | ECE 170 OR PSY 121 | Child Growth & Development OR Developmental Psychology |
| EDPSYCH 3148 | Learning & Motivation in Classroom Contexts | PSY 281 | Educational Psychology |

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

To be recommended for an Iowa teaching license, students are required to have three sciences upon completion of the Bachelor's degree:

- Life Science: An Inquiry to Life Science course, or an Intro or General Biology course
- Physical Science: An Inquiry to Physical Science course, or an introductory/general chemistry or physics course
- Earth/Space Science: An Inquiry to Earth and Space Science course, or an introductory astronomy, weather, or earth science course

*Environmental Science will not count toward any of the three.

SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: In addition to the Elementary Education major requirements, students must complete coursework in 9 credit hours in the social sciences: history, economics, psychology, sociology, geography or political science/Civic Literacy to be eligible to be recommended for an Iowa teaching license. Courses used to satisfy a Liberal Arts Core category **may** also be used to satisfy these licensure requirements. Students must have 9 credit hours from three different areas.

CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNI TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Have a declared major
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (or higher)
- Earned credit for TEACHING 2017 or equivalent
- Have completed an acceptable Application to the Teacher Education Program
(Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for application process)

<https://teachered.uni.edu/admission-uni-teacher-education-program>

FOR MORE INFORMATION: College of Education Advising Center
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