

## EDUCATION - SECONDARY

To become a secondary teacher, students may complete a two-year liberal arts program at Northeast and then transfer credits to a four-year college offering the bachelor's degree in teacher education. Teacher education students take three types of courses at Northeast Community College. General courses are required of all associate of arts degree candidates and promote general knowledge. Subject courses help students learn the subjects they will be teaching. For an understanding of the teaching profession, students take professional education courses that instruct students how to teach. Teacher education students have opportunities for practical experience in secondary classrooms while completing course work. Employers include 7-12 school systems, correctional institutions, hospitals, vocational services, and community organizations.

Students should work closely with Northeast advisors and transfer colleges in planning specific course schedules because requirements vary, depending on the choice of transfer.

Schools require a background check prior to employment. Students will be required to submit to a background check prior to completing any classroom field experience. Individuals with a criminal record may not be eligible for employment as an educator. Please check with your advisor.

### Suggested Program of Study for Associate of Arts Degree (2 years)

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester	
Course	Credits
ENGL 1010 English Composition I* .....	3
Behavioral Science* .....	3
BIOS 1010 General Biology* .....	4
Social Science* .....	3
EDUC 1110 Introduction to Professional Education ....	3
	<u>16</u>

Second Semester	
Course	Credits
SPCH 1110 Public Speaking* .....	3
MATH 1100 Topics and Ideas in Mathematics* <b>OR</b> higher level mathematics course* .....	3-5
History* .....	3
English/Literature* .....	3
Endorsement Area Course** .....	3
	<u>15-17</u>

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

First Semester	
Course	Credits
EDUC 2000 Educational Psychology .....	3
Electives** .....	<u>12</u>
	15

Second Semester	
Course	Credits
EDUC 2800 Professional Practicum .....	1-2
Fine Arts and Language* .....	3-4
Subject Courses or Electives** .....	<u>11</u>
	15-17

Total Credit Hours 61-65

To earn an associate of arts degree, a student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 60 semester hours that include the general education requirements.

\* See general education requirements.

\*\* **Recommended Electives:** EDUC 1100 Human Relations in a Pluralistic Society, SOCI 2150 Exploring Unity and Diversity, and others depending on educational goals and transfer requirements. See your advisor to determine subject courses based on career goals.

Sixty credit hours and evidence of Human Relations training (*verified through documentation of relevant work experience, successful completion of SOCI 2150 Exploring Unity and Diversity, or Human Relations coursework taken from a four-year institution*) will meet the requirements to apply for local substitute teaching certification from the Nebraska Department of Education. Check online at [www.education.ne.gov/tcert/](http://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/) for more information.