

Contact the teacher education faculty advisor before beginning any of these programs of study.

Degrees: Associate of Arts
Elementary Education (K-6 grade)
Secondary Education (7-12 grade)

Certificates:
Paraeducator

Additional Program of Study:
Adult Education & Family Literacy

AA Degree

Elementary Education

The AA degree requirements comply with the state-wide Elementary Teacher Education Articulation Agreement between RRCC and Colorado's public four-year colleges and universities. If you plan to transfer to a four-year college or university within Colorado to complete teacher certification, you must complete the 41 credits outlined below with a C or better. The remaining 19 credits needed for the AA degree are specific to individual transfer schools.

Before beginning to take classes, you must meet with RRCC's Teacher Education faculty advisor to plan a course of study and to examine the list of approved credits for each four-year institution in Colorado.

| General Education Courses | Credits |
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| Communication | |
| ENG 121 English Composition I (<u>B</u> or better) | 3 |
| ENG 122 English Composition II (<u>B</u> or better) | 3 |
| Arts and Humanities | |
| LIT 115, LIT 201, or LIT 202 | 3 |
| Mathematics | |
| MAT 155 Integrated Math 1 | 3 |
| MAT 156 Integrated Math II | 3 |
| Social and Behavioral Science | |
| GEO 105 World Regional Geography | 3 |
| HIS 201 United States History I or HIS 202 United States History II | 3 |
| POS 111 American Government | 3 |
| Physical and Life Sciences | |
| SCI 155 Integrated Science | 4 |
| SCI 156 Integrated Science | 4 |
| Statewide Education Requirements | |
| COM 115 Public Speaking | 3 |
| PSY 238 Child Development | 3 |

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| EDU 221 Introduction to Teacher Education | 3 |
| EDU 288 Practicum | 1 |
| Transfer Institution Approved Credits | 19 |
| (Meet with the teacher education faculty advisor for a list of approved credits for each institution.) | |
| Total Credits | 61 |

AA Degree

Secondary Education

If you plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a secondary education certification program, meet with the RRCC Teacher Education faculty advisor to design a course of study. Electives will include RRCC education courses and courses in your area of emphasis.

Certificate

Paraeducator

The federal No Child Left Behind Act mandates paraeducator requirements.

In order to be considered as a highly qualified paraeducator, you must meet one of the following requirements:

- successfully complete two years of post-secondary education (48 credits)

OR

- demonstrate your knowledge through a formal academic assessment (the Work Keys test) of writing, reading, and mathematics skills.

RRCC has developed a Paraeducator Certificate to assist paraeducators in meeting these new requirements. If you plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete teacher certification, you should consider the Associate of Arts degree, Elementary Education.

This certificate helps prepare you to work as a paraeducator in the K-12 classroom.

In order to be considered highly qualified, you must complete one of the above requirements.

| Required Courses: | Credits |
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| EDU 221 Introduction to Education | 3 |
| EDU 261 Teaching, Learning and Technology | 3 |
| EDU 240 Teaching the Exceptional Learner | 3 |
| EDU 288 Practicum | 1 |
| MAT 107 Career Math | 3 |
| Students can select 3 credit hours from the following: | |
| EDU 234; PSY 238; LIT 255 or one advisor-approved elective. | 3 |
| Total Required Credits | 16 |

Additional Program of Study

Adult Education and Family Literacy

Completing this program allows adult and family literacy educators to meet the federal No Child Left Behind Act and receive a certificate from the Colorado Department of Education. Literacy Instruction Authorization (LIA) is earned through completion of the first four courses listed below. EDU 135 is optional for Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFLA) program staff but is required for Even Start program staff.

| Required Courses | Credits |
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| EDU 131 Introduction to Adult Education | 3 |
| EDU 132 Planning, Organizing, and Delivering Adult Education Instruction | 3 |
| EDU 133 Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Adult Secondary Education (ASE/GED) | 3 |
| EDU 134 Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to Adult Learners | 3 |
| EDU 135 Family Literacy in Adult Education (Required for Even Start Program Staff)) | 3 |
| Total Credits | 15 |