

# 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 teach students how to teach. Teacher education students have opportunities for practical experience in elementary or secondary classrooms while completing course work. To become an elementary or 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. Employers include: K-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 criminal background check prior to employment. 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) Secondary Education

### Freshman Year

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	
<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENGL 1010 English Composition I.....	3
GEOG 1020 World Regional Geography or POLS 1000 American Government.....	3
PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology.....	3
Natural Science* .....	4-5
Subject Course .....	3
	16-17

<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	
<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDUC 1010 Introduction to Education .....	3
Oral Communication*.....	3
Mathematics*.....	3-5
Social Science Elective .....	3
Subject Course .....	3
	15-17

### Sophomore Year

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	
<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
HIST 1050 World History I or HIST 2010 American History I .....	3
PSYC 2110 Psychology and Development of Childhood through Adolescence.....	3
Fine/Performing Arts* .....	3
English/Literature* .....	3
Subject Course .....	3
	15

<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	
<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDUC 2510 Secondary School Experience .....	1-3
HPER 1500 Lifetime Wellness .....	2
HPER Basic Sports Series .....	1
Subject Courses or electives** .....	10
	14-16

**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 depend on educational goals and transfer requirements.

Sixty credit hours (which must include at least one professional education course that deals with children, schools or education) and evidence of Human Relations training (verified through documentation of relevant work experience 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.nde.state.ne.us](http://www.nde.state.ne.us) for more information.