

Education: Grades K-12

Why should I major in Education: Grades K-12?

If you enjoy working with children or adolescents and want to impact the future, you may want to major in Education. This program of study is designed for students who wish to become elementary or secondary teachers. The curriculum is structured so that students have the opportunity to explore the field of teaching through coursework and internships.



What type of degree would I earn at Iowa Western if I enroll in this program?

Graduates of this two-year program are awarded an Associate of Arts (AA) degree.

If I major in Education: Grades K-12, can I transfer to a four-year college or university?

This program is designed to transfer to a four-year college or university. By earning your AA degree in Education: Grades K-12, you will be able to apply your credits to a baccalaureate-granting institution and earn a bachelor's degree.

What is the job outlook for graduates of this program and what type of jobs will I be qualified for?

In order to work as a teacher, you must continue your education and earn a bachelor's degree. The job outlook for teachers varies by geographic location. There is a high demand for secondary teachers in mathematics, science, computer science and bilingual education. The average salary for public elementary and secondary school teachers is about \$40,000 per year. The average beginning salary is about \$26,000 per year. Through your education training, you will also gain many skills that you could use in other professions including a talent for working with children, organizational and administrative skills, research and communication skills, and the power to motivate, influence and train others.

Program of Study

The Education: Grades K-12 program of study is designed for students who wish to become preschool, elementary or secondary teachers. The curriculum is structured so that students have the opportunity to explore the field of teaching. It is designed for transfer to institutions that offer teaching certificates. Graduates of this program are awarded an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester		Cr.
ENG 105	Composition I	3
CSC 110	Introduction to Computers	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
EDU 210	*Foundations of Education	3
ECE 170	*Child Growth and Development <u>OR</u>	3
PSY 121	*Developmental Psychology	3
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Second Semester		Cr.
ENG 106	Composition II	3
HIS 151	United States History to 1877 <u>OR</u>	3
HIS 152	United States History since 1877	3
SPC 112	Public Speaking	3
EDU 245	*Exceptional Learner	3
MAT 157	Statistics	4
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Third Semester		Cr.
BIO 105	Introductory Biology	4
LIT 110	American Literature to Mid 1800s <u>OR</u>	3
LIT 140	British Literature I	3
EDU 240	Educational Psychology	3
	**General Elective	3
	Diversity Requirement	3
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***MAT 117 Math for Elementary Teachers recommended for Elementary Education majors.*

Fourth Semester		Cr.
ENV 111	Environmental Science	4
POL 111	American National Government	3
EDU 235	*Children's Literature <u>OR</u>	3
PSY 224	*Adolescent Psychology	3
ART 101	Art Appreciation <u>OR</u>	3
MUS 100	Music Appreciation	3
PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
EDU 280	*Educator Internship	1
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*Required courses for the program.

Elementary Education majors must take ECE 170 and EDU 235.
Secondary Education majors must take PSY 121 and PSY 224.

One elective must also satisfy the diversity requirement.

64 semester hours required

**For More Information,
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