Associate Degree in Elementary Education

Program Overview
Would you like to teach children in grades 1 - 6? Are you patient, enthusiastic, and energetic? Do you have good communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills? If you answered yes to these questions, you have the qualities essential for a successful career as an elementary school teacher.

At Northern Essex, the Associate Degree in Elementary Education will prepare you for a career in the field of education. The program gives you the foundation for further study at a four-year college in order to become a licensed teacher, and provides you with a strong basis in arts and sciences through Liberal Arts courses. Through the career classes, you will integrate theory and practice, acquire knowledge of child growth and development, develop sensitivity to cultural needs, and gain an understanding of special education and the reading process. Educational courses focus on the current Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Career Opportunities
Graduates will be able to pursue many career paths. Upon completion of the program, you can seek employment as a paraprofessional (teaching assistant). You may also choose to transfer to a bachelor’s program to become qualified to seek employment as a licensed teacher.
### Courses

**Year 1, Fall Semester**
- BIO101 & 102: Human Biology with Lab
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- BIO111: Introductory Biology I
- OR
- BIO121: Anatomy and Physiology I
- EDU101: Introduction to Teaching
- ENG101: English Composition I
- MAT118: Mathematical Ideas I
- PSY101: Introduction to Psychology

**Year 1, Spring Semester**
- EDU102: Intro to Special Education
- ENG102: English Composition II
- MAT119: Mathematical Ideas II
- PSY201: Developmental Psychology I
- SCI111: Physical Science I
- OR
- SCI112: Physical Science II

**Year 2, Fall Semester**
- EDU203: Diversity & Multiculturalism in Education
- Free Elective
- GEO101: Intro to Geography
- History Elective
- Literature Elective

**Year 1, Spring Semester**
- COM111: Public Speaking
- EDU202: Language & Literacy in Education
- Free Elective
- History Elective
- Literature Elective

### Getting Started

Ready to get started? It’s easy! Northern Essex has an open admissions policy, which means that if you have a high school diploma or GED/HiSet or other state-approved equivalency credential, you are eligible to enroll at NECC. Just fill out an application, attend an orientation/assessment session, and then register for classes.

### Program Requirements

**CORI/CHRI/SORI:** Students interested in participating in this academic program may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, a Criminal Records Central Repository (CHRI) check and/or a Sex Offender Record Information (SORI) check. For more information, visit www.necc.mass.edu/corisori.

Northern Essex Community College is committed to the success of every student. Students with legal issues in their background will meet with a committee as part of the CORI/CHRI/SORI process and will receive guidance and counseling throughout the review of their records. NECC personnel make every effort to help students prepare for careers in their chosen field. Students are encouraged to seek assistance and support.

Starting in fall 2014, any new student enrolled in an associate degree program must take at least one course designated as intensive in each of NECC’s six core academic skills in order to graduate. See www.necc.mass.edu/core-skills.

For more information
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