

## Teaching, Gr 1-5 (Associate of Science)

The Associate of Science in Teaching (AST) is a transfer degree that prepares students to enroll in a Baccalaureate of Science in Elementary Education at a Louisiana college/university. The degree is designed for non-traditional and traditional students who wish to become certified to teach first-through-fifth grade elementary students in Louisiana. BRCC students should consult an advisor for specifics regarding coursework required by their desired transfer institution.

Although this is not a selective admissions program, students must pass a criminal background check to enroll in the courses that include mandatory experience observing classroom operations in an elementary school (TEAC 2013, TEAC 2033).

To receive this degree, the student must:

- Pass a criminal background check before beginning field experience for both TEAC 2013 and TEAC 2033 classes.
- Complete the AST application/interview process and be accepted to the program.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or better in all credit hours to be used towards the degree.
- Complete an exit survey before graduation.
- Complete the coursework listed below.

**Program Outcomes. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:**

1. Demonstrate written and verbal communications skills essential for a classroom teacher.
2. Demonstrate the ability to analyze major theories of human learning and development, child psychology, culture, diversity, student rights, and exceptionalities.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of professionalism, curriculum, planning, observation, and assessment techniques necessary to be effective in the classroom with students in grades 1-5.

### Program of Study

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
MATH 1213	College Algebra	3
PSYC 2613	Educational Psychology	3
<i>Choose one:</i> General Education Natural Science (Life Science), first in sequence		3
BIOL 1013	General Biology I	
OR		
BIOL 1033	Biology I for Science Majors	
Any General Education Fine Arts course		3
		<b>Semester Total: 15</b>
Second Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 1023	English Composition II	3
<i>Choose one:</i>		3
MATH 2303	Basic Statistics I	
OR		
MATH 1303	Elementary Statistics	

<i>Choose one:</i> General Education Natural Science (Life Science), second in sequence based on choice in first semester		<b>3</b>
BIOL 1023	General Biology II	
OR		
BIOL 1043	Biology II for Science Majors	

GEOG 2013	Introduction to Geography	<b>3</b>
HIST 1123	World Civilization 1500 to Present	<b>3</b>

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**Semester Total: 15**

<b>Third Semester</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 2123	Major British Writers	<b>3</b>
MATH 1673	Elementary Number Structure	<b>3</b>
General Education Natural Science (Physical Science) <sup>1</sup>		<b>3</b>
TEAC 2013	Teaching and Learning in Diverse Settings I	<b>3</b>
HIST 2013	American History Colonial to 1865	<b>3</b>

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**Semester Total: 15**

<b>Fourth Semester</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 2173	Major American Writers	<b>3</b>
MATH 1683	Geometry for Elementary/Middle School Teachers	<b>3</b>
General Education Natural Science (Physical Science) <sup>1</sup>		<b>3</b>
TEAC 2033	Teaching and Learning in Diverse Settings II	<b>3</b>
POLI 2013	American Government	<b>3</b>

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**Semester Total: 15**

**Total Program Credit Hours: 60**

<sup>1</sup> Physical Science courses (sequence of two courses in Physical Science (PHSC), Chemistry (CHEM), or Physics (PHYS)) should be selected based on the transfer institution the student wishes to attend. It is the responsibility of each student transferring to a four-year institution to seek advising from the AST Program Manager or other qualified Liberal Arts Division advisor because required courses vary by institution.

For more information, contact the Division of Liberal Arts at 225-216-8165.