

Pathway: Elementary Education (K-8)

Area of Study: Education and Human Services



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Overview

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts-Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degree with a concentration in Elementary Education (K-8). Completion of this degree opens doors to a variety of careers in para education, special education, English Language Learning, and classroom teaching. (Read program QR code to see more)

Estimated Length of Completion

Degree: Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (LASDTAA)

7 quarters, Full time

Career Opportunities

An Elementary Education (K-8) pathway can lead to various career opportunities. Examples include:

- Entry level Teacher in Early Learning Setting
- Curriculum Coordinator
- Paraeducator
- Professional Development Coordinator
- Family Support Specialist
- Before and After School care

A Bachelor's degree or higher may be required for some c
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Future Education

Once you complete this associates degree, additional education opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- A Bachelor degree in Education or a related field.
- A [Bachelor of Applied Science \(BAS\)](#) degree at one of the Seattle Colleges such as Early Childhood Education at North Seattle College.

North Seattle College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington state, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Seattle University. Graduates from North have also transferred to out-of-state institutions.

Program and admission requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.



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Get Started

Step 1: Apply and register at North Seattle College anytime (the application is always free). Once you become a student, register for classes using the online class schedule and go to the academic calendar for registration dates and tuition deadlines.

Step 2: See an advisor to create a personalized educational plan by the end of your second quarter. Your plan will include prerequisites, graduation requirements, and transfer preparation if you plan to transfer to another college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

Tuition and Fees

Learn more about the [estimated cost of attendance and general fees to attend college](#).

Financial Aid and Funding Resources

It's time to apply for Financial Aid for next year by completing either the [FAFSA](#) or the [WASFA](#) 2024-25.

Need help paying for college?

To apply for financial aid, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back, visit [North's Financial Aid Department](#) for details. Part-time and full-time students can qualify for financial aid funds.

Advising Contact

Contact the [Education and Human Services Area of Study advisor](#)

206-934-3658.



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Before Quarter One

- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies Math](#) (if needed)
- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies English](#) (if needed)
- Apply for [Financial Aid](#) and other funding before your first quarter. Visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) to explore how to pay for college.
- [Transfer previous college credits](#) to North if applicable.
- Explore the Academy for [Rising Educator \(ARE\) program](#) by contacting [Imani Dunn](#) at Seattle Central.
- Set up a volunteer experience at least three hours per week in an early childhood education classroom or other related educational experience unless you are already working in the field.
- Attend [New Student Orientation](#).
- [Explore placement options](#): take the [math](#) and [English](#) placement tool if needed.
- Make an informed choice on the [number of units to take each quarter](#).
- F-1 international students must enroll full time (12+ units) each quarter and check in with the [International Programs office](#) before the start of the quarter if enrolling in less than 12 units and/or before starting any work or volunteer experience.
- If you need academic accommodations for a documented disability, please contact [Disability Services](#).

A sample schedule and quarterly to-do list are below. The schedule and to-do list will help you explore courses and complete tasks on time. The guide assumes a fall quarter start, but you can begin in any quarter.

Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

Quarter 1

- Integrated Studies: ENGL&101 (5 units)
- Integrated Studies: ENGL265 (5 units)
- ECED&105 or EDUC&115 (5 units)

Quarter 2

- ENGL&102 Composition II (5 units)
- ECED&107 Health Safety Nutrition (5 units)
- MATH&107 or MATH&146 (5 units)

Quarter 3

- CHEM&110 Chemical Concepts W-Lab (5 units)
- ECED&120 or ECED&180 (variable units)
- EDUC&130 Guiding Behavior (3 units)
- HIST&147 or HIST&148 (5 units)

Quarter 4

- EDUC&203 or CCE240 or Elective (3 units)

Quarter 5

- World Language I or Visual, Literary and Perf Arts (5 units)
- BIOL125 or BIOL&100 (5 units)
- PSYC&100 General Psychology (5 units)

Quarter 6

- World Language II or ENGL231 (5 units)
- ENVS&100 or ENVS&101 (5 units)
- ECON&202 or POLS&202 (5 units)

Quarter 7

- World Language III or PSYC&200 or AME201 (5 units)
- HUM105 or CMST&220 or another Communications class (5 units)
- ART201 or ART211 or another Studio Art class (5 units)



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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

This is an example of a quarterly to-do list:

Quarter 1

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to meet and discuss your goals. Learn more about Starfish [here](#).
- Come to the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Visit the [Student Learning Center](#) to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Check out [campus life](#): [Student Clubs and Affinity Groups](#), [TRIO](#), [Equity & Welcome Center](#), [Wellness Center](#), etc.
- Talk with your instructor for ideas or recommendations on an early childhood education classroom or other related educational experience unless you are working or volunteering in the field.
- Review Early Childhood Education Canvas shell for resources and job opportunities.

Quarter 2

- Create an [educational plan](#) with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities.
- Attend [transfer events](#) at North and universities of interest.
- Explore teaching resources:
 - <https://teachea.org/>
 - Professional Educator Standards Board: <https://www.pesb.wa.gov/>
 - Office of Public Instruction: <https://www.k12.wa.us/>
 - Education Levels for an Early Learning Professional: <https://ececareers.del.wa.gov/what-is-early-learning/careers#>
- Explore careers and majors through workshops, [counseling](#) and [career services](#).
- Visit North's Transfer webpage: <https://northseattle.edu/programs/college-transfer> for



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Quarter 3

- Apply for the [Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship](#) and [other scholarships](#).
- Consider [Student Leadership positions](#) and other [on-campus jobs](#).
- Attend "Making Learning and Teaching Visible" campus event every spring.
- Visit potential colleges and universities and determine application deadlines.
- Apply for [summer financial aid](#) if needed.

Quarter 4

- Update your educational plan and confirm your program of study with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Visit potential colleges and universities and determine application deadlines.



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Quarter 5

- Update your educational plan with your assigned advisor.
- Attend campus lectures and forums from the Early Childhood Education department (refer to department Canvas shell or Early Childhood Education advisors) and the Arts, Humanities and Social Science division.
- Contact Education department at potential universities.
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair.
- Review Early Childhood Education Canvas shell for resources and job opportunities.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.

Quarter 6

- [Apply](#) for the AA-DTA degree in ctcLink. Check with your assigned advisor to be sure you are meeting degree requirements.
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- Explore possible Education internships.

Quarter 7

- Check in with university for transfer plan,
- Order cap and gown and join alumni association.
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.



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