

## TEACHER EDUCATION



### THE PROGRAM

With the increasing demand for student success in the classroom, the need is greater than ever for highly qualified and well-educated, Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade teachers. The Associates of Arts in Teaching (AAT) Degree program at South Plains College offers course work for the first two years of study in preparation for a teaching career. The award-winning AAT program, approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, consists of lower division courses intended to seamlessly transfer to a Texas Teacher Certification program in any university.

The AAT program also utilizes an Educational Study Lab, providing 32 hours of valuable field observations in two semesters in early childhood, elementary, middle school, and high school classrooms. The unique lab courses allow students to receive first-hand experience in various school and grade settings, which enables them to determine which grade level(s) they prefer to teach. The lab courses also provide first-hand experience with the expectations of teaching before initializing specialized course work.

The AAT program has entered into articulation agreements with Texas Tech University, Lubbock Christian University, and Wayland University and provides personalized attention to students before and during the transfer process to these or any university, in order to ensure success.

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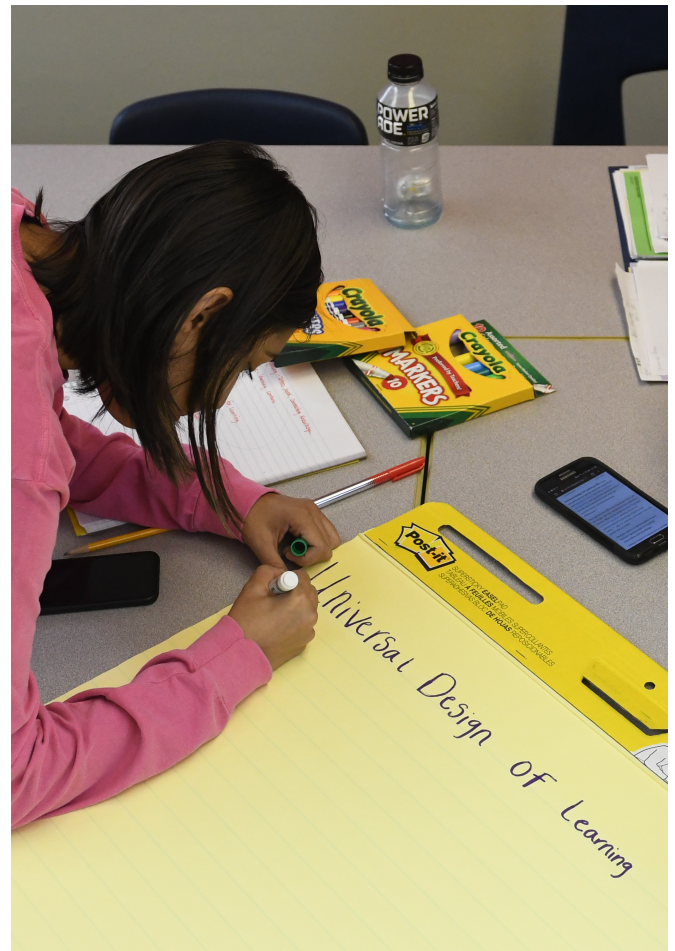
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## PROGRAM OF STUDY

The AAT degree program offers a 60 to 70-credit hour academic program that seamlessly transfers to many baccalaureate programs at universities with no loss of credit. Students who successfully complete this program receive the Associates of Arts in Teaching degree. The following courses are structured into the degree plan to offer necessary concepts for students pursuing a degree in teaching:

- **Introduction to the Teaching Profession** (EDUC 1301) provides active instructional support and opportunities to participate in early field experiences, Pre-K through 12th grade. Students receive college and school faculty support as they analyze the culture of schools and classrooms.
- **Introduction to Special Populations** (EDUC 2301) provides an overview of the school: classroom instructional environment; socioeconomic status, gender and ethnic diversity of the school population; academic diversity and equality with an emphasis on factors that facilitate learning. Students also participate in early field experiences, Pre-K–12th grade, with course content aligned as applicable to SBEC Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards and Technology Applications Standards for all beginning teachers.
- **Math for Teachers I** (MATH 1350) provides concepts of sets, functions, numeration systems, number theory and properties of the natural numbers, integers, rational and real number systems with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking.
- **Math for Teachers II** (MATH 1351) provides concepts of geometry, probability and statistics, as well as applications of the algebraic properties of real numbers to concepts of measurements with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking.



## EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION

The AAT degree offers education specialization courses beyond the core curriculum, providing students with a solid foundation in the following areas:

- Texas teacher certification process
- SBEC Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards and Technology Applications Standards for all beginning teachers.
- The culture of education and classrooms
- Diversity in the inclusive classroom
- Current issues influencing the field of education
- Best practices in early childhood - 12 education
- Content instruction required for Texas education certification exams

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