



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Itasca Community College-University of Minnesota, Duluth

NOTE: Students transferring to UMD'S Elementary Education program are strongly encouraged to transfer after one year at Itasca Community College.

Successful completion of this program qualifies students to apply for state licensure to teach grades K-8 in any Minnesota elementary school. The major also provides a good foundation for programs leading to licensure as a special educator, an elementary principal, or an elementary school counselor or for non-school-related occupations requiring skill in working with children.

An effective elementary school teacher should possess a broad background in liberal and professional education. This professional program focuses on the structure of the various disciplines, the child as learner, the learning environment, diverse learners, teaching strategies in a practicum setting, and a semester of student teaching experience. As part of the program, students are required to complete an approved minor for elementary/middle school.

Elementary education licensure requirements are established by the state of Minnesota and guided by national standards. Those requirements are changed periodically. To ensure each student has a personalized and current plan of courses to complete, elementary education transfer students should contact their elementary education advisers early in their first semester at UMD.

Students can get a head-start by taking these classes at Itasca:

			<u>Credits</u>
Art	1101	Introduction to Art	3
Engl	1101	Expos Writ	4
*Hlth	1101	First Aid	3
Math	1100	Math for Elementary Teachers	3
Musc	1101	Fundamentals of Music	3
PE	1201	Wellness	2
Phil	1101	Intro to Philosophy	3
Spch	1105	Public Speaking	3
		One science laboratory class: See UMD transfer manual for acceptable courses	4
		English - Any 2000 level course	3

* Or have current certificate in Red Cross First Aid.

Students should also plan to minor in an area of interest.

Each year the number of students who will be admitted as majors will be established. Students are selected from a rank order of applicants as determined by the level of achievement on each of the following criteria: grade point average; a minimum of 2.7 cumulative overall GPA on class work taken at UMD and elsewhere is required; level of performance on a skills test; letters of reference; and a personal interview.

Degree: Bachelor of Applied Science degree (B.A.S.)

The Associate of Arts degree at Itasca satisfies UMD's liberal education requirement, except students must complete a senior level composition class at UMD and any Minnesota Board of Teaching's required liberal education classes. Currently the required courses are in the areas of art, communications (speech), geography, history, literature, mathematics, and philosophy. Itasca's classes which meet these requirements are noted above.

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Admission and Academic Progress

Students are admitted to UMD as pre-elementary education majors. After completing lower division requirements outlined in the elementary education admission packet, students must apply for admission to the elementary/middle school education program. Students are responsible for obtaining a copy of the most recent admissions packet, available on the [Department of Education](http://www.d.umn.edu/educ/programs/eled) Web site, and may apply only after having met all criteria listed in the packet. (www.d.umn.edu/educ/programs/eled)

Once students are admitted to the elementary/middle school education program, they must maintain required standards. Students' progress is monitored in a variety of ways including academic progress (grades of C- or better in all required courses in the major and minor), professional dispositions, and teaching skills during field experiences. Meetings to discuss individual student progress are convened if concerns related to academic and/or professional behavior are raised by either faculty, staff, and/or cooperating teachers in the field. Students who do not meet program expectations may be dropped from the program.

For more information about admissions, see [Admission Procedures and Requirements](http://www.d.umn.edu/catalogs) at www.d.umn.edu/catalogs.

The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum and Itasca's Associate in Arts Degree

The public higher education colleges and universities in Minnesota have developed a common liberal education curriculum called the **Minnesota Transfer Curriculum**. Students who complete the Associate in Arts degree at Itasca Community College will have automatically met all Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements. Students desiring to complete the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements and then transfer without the Associate in Arts degree may pick up a MNTC checksheet in the Counseling and Career Center. For questions regarding the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, please see an ICC counselor.

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