

Teachers help mold young minds. Make a difference in the life of a child. The Education Cohort Program will prepare you for a career in teaching at the elementary, secondary, or special education levels. Every day these teachers experience the excitement of watching children grow. Make a difference in your neighborhood. As an educator, you will play a vital role in ensuring that children and young adults become productive members of society.

#### **Education A.A. Cohort Program Model Overview**

The A.A. Cohort Program Model is designed to address the current teacher shortage as well as increase the minority teacher pool. The proposed model will provide a more seamless transition for earning a meaningful career in education. Candidates in our associate degree program will prepare you to transfer to a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree in education. Students interested in majoring in either of the following pathways are eligible for Triton's Education Cohort: elementary education, secondary education, or special education.

#### **Key Features of the A.A. Cohort Program Model**

- 1. Use of learning communities that are embedded in each course in which students are accountable to each other and their instructors.
  - Instructors will employ active learning and student-led practices, such as problem-based learning activities and hands-on experiences in real-world settings (classrooms).
- 2. Use of high-impact practices, such as "community-engaged participatory learning."
  - Students will be placed in surrounding school districts to complete observation hours each semester.

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A **cohort** consists of a group of students working together in the same program, progressing through the same academic curriculum and finishing their degree together. It will take a total of 2 years to complete the program to be eligible to transfer to a four-year institution.





# Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Education Cohort Associate in Arts Transfer Pathway Program, the graduate will be able to:

#### **Program Learning Outcome #1**

Describe appropriate technological resources to support instruction.

#### **Program Learning Outcome #2**

Design instruction that meets the diverse needs of students.

### **Program Learning Outcome #3**

Describe the theories and philosophies of learning and human development.

#### **Program Learning Outcome #4**

Distinguish how exceptionalities may interact with development and learning.

### **Program Learning Outcome #5**

Apply common core state standards in all aspects of curriculum and instruction.

#### **Program Learning Outcome #6**

Describe the roles and responsibilities of teachers.



## **EDU Cohort A.A. Degree**Education Core Electives

**EDU 207** Introduction to Education

**EDU 206** Human Growth and Development

**EDU 215** Educational Psychology

**EDU 110** Diversity in Schools and Society

**EDU 200** Introduction to Special Education

The Education Associate in Arts Degree Program at Triton College will prepare you to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in education. Our education programs will provide you with an optimal learning environment that provides small class sizes, innovative teaching techniques and real-world field experiences in our on-site Child Development Center or at high quality programs and schools within the community.

Students will be introduced to foundational concepts and best practices in the areas of human growth and development, curriculum and instruction, teaching exceptional learners, anti-bias instruction, educational psychology, classroom culture and collaboration, assessment and observation.

Admission into baccalaureate degree programs is competitive and most senior institutions require a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. A "C" or higher is required in all coursework at Triton College and senior institutions. Completion of these courses alone does not guarantee admission into the senior institution.

Transfer courses may vary per baccalaureate institutions. All program courses may not transfer to four-year institutions.