

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree is a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board-approved (THECB) collegiate degree program. It consists of lower-division (community college) courses intended for transfer to baccalaureate programs that lead to initial Texas teacher certification.

It is the responsibility of each student to know the specific requirements of the college or university to which he or she plans to transfer. This responsibility includes knowing course requirements, assessments, number of credit hours accepted, and required grade point average for admission. Each AAT candidate is strongly encouraged to contact the teacher preparation advisor prior to enrolling in courses required for the AAT.

Should students decide to complete the AAT degree and not transfer to a baccalaureate program, this degree meets the “No Child Left Behind” requirements for paraprofessionals. In addition, completion of the AAT degree is much like that of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree in that it may qualify candidates for work that requires a minimum of an associate degree.

Field Experience

Some courses required for completion of the AAT degree include a field experience component. Field experience is state-mandated; therefore, neither Panola College nor the instructors have the power to grant an exemption. Information regarding the required documentation for field experience is included in course materials. Field experience is an invaluable component of the AAT degree as well as the overall learning experience. It gives the AAT candidate the opportunity to learn in a public school setting or in an early childcare facility.

In accordance with the Texas Education Code and/or rules published by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, a Criminal History Check (CHC) will be conducted on each student enrolled in a course at Panola College that requires field experience at a public school or early childcare facility. If criminal history check requirements are not met, the AAT candidate will not be allowed to complete the required field experience component. Any additional requirements with regard to field experience must be satisfied as required by the public school or early childcare facility. Fees are the responsibility of the AAT candidate.

AAT Curricula

Students who fully complete this course of study will be eligible to apply for the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree at Panola College. Three AAT curricula, which include a maximum of 60 semester credit hours (SCH) of coursework, are available.

- EC-6
- 4-8, EC-12 Special Education
- 6-12, 7-12, 8-12, EC-12 Other than Special Education

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING
(common requirements for all three plans - 44 hours)

Communication	9 hours	ENGL 1301, 1302, SPCH 1315
Mathematics	3 hours	MATH 1314, 1342 (see advisor)
Natural Science	8 hours	BIOL 1408, 1409 CHEM 1405 GEOL 1403 PHYS 1403, 1404 *See degree plan for specific requirements
Humanities	3 hours	ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323 (English majors take HUMA 1301 or HUMA 1302)
Visual & Performing Arts	3 hours	ARTS 1301, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306
Social Sciences	12 hours	HIST 1301, 1302, GOVT 2305, 2306
Behavioral Sciences	3 hours	GEOG 1303 (6-12, 7-12, 8-12, EC-12 Other Than Special Education majors may take GEOG 1303 or PSYC 2301)
Institutionally Designated Option	3 hours	BCIS 1305

EC-6, 4-8, EC-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION
(in addition to common requirements - 16 hours)

Math	6 hours	MATH 1350, 1351
Natural Science	4 hours	Select from Common Requirement list above Select from three different areas (BIOL, GEOL & PHYS)
Education	6 hours	EDUC 1301, 2301

6-12, 7-12, 8-12, EC-12 OTHER THAN SPECIAL EDUCATION (in addition to common requirements - 16 hours)

Education	6 hours	EDUC 1301, 2301
Required Electives	10 hours	1 PE activity course (1 hour) 9 hours in certification area (see advisor)

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

The information below is provided by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/>).

Note: Completion of an AAT does not necessarily guarantee admission to a university teacher education program. Any additional requirements with regard to grade point average and assessments (i.e., Texas Higher Education Assessment or its equivalents) must be satisfied as required by the receiving university.