

The Associate of Science in Special Education Foundations - 64 credits With the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)

Background: The Associate of Science in Special Education Foundations degree is designed to prepare students for a major in special education at a four-year college or university. It incorporates the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), so that students with this degree have satisfied general education requirements at Minnesota public universities. The degree also includes the requirements for entrance into third-year courses in many four-year special education majors.

Normandale Community College has collaborated with Minnesota State University, Mankato, in the development of the AS degree. All coursework in this AS degree transfers to the Mankato baccalaureate special education program, which includes K-12 licensure in special education (DCD). The Mankato program is competitive and requires a minimum GPA of 2.75 for admission. In addition, the requirements for the AS degree in Special Education Foundations may fulfill entrance requirements for other four-year special education degrees. Check the college catalogs and transfer guides for specific colleges and universities.

Completion of the AS in Special Education Foundations degree does not guarantee entrance into any particular education program. All four-year education programs require that the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) be completed before admission is granted.

In addition, the coursework in the AS in Special Education Foundations degree is excellent preparation for students who wish to work as paraprofessionals with special needs children and youth.

Degree Requirements: Students wishing to complete the AS in Special Education Foundations should do the following:

- Determine the four-year college or university to which they plan to transfer. Check the catalog or transfer guide for that institution to become familiar with the requirements for a special education major.
- Develop a plan for coursework that includes the following:
 1. The core courses, including the MnTC requirements.
 2. Special Education Courses
 3. Electives.
 4. A total of at least 64 credits.
 5. Completion of the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST I). Information about this test can be obtained from Normandale counselors of the Career & Academic Planning Center.
 6. **All courses must be completed with a C or better. ENGC 1101, *Freshman Composition*, and COMM 1101, *Fundamentals of Public Speaking*, must be completed with a B or better.**
- Apply to graduate during the final semester as Normandale students.

Core Courses for the AS in Special Education Foundations: 46-47 Credits.

Course	Title	MNTC Goal (if any)	Credits
EDUC 1101	Introduction to Education		4
PSYC 1109	Child Development	5	3
HLTH 1106	Drug Use and Abuse		3
ENGC 1101	Freshman Composition (B or better)	1	4
COMM 1101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (B or better)	1	3
BIOL 1007 or BIOL 1102	Contemporary Biology Human Biology	3 3	4 4
PHYS 1050	Survey of Classical Physics	3	4
MATH 1050	Mathematical Foundations I	4	3
MATH 1060	Mathematical Foundations II	4	3
GEOG 1125	Geography of the U.S. and Canada	7, 10	3
HIST 1111 or HIST 1112 or HIST 1133	U.S. History I (4 cr) or U.S. History II (4 cr) or Minnesota History (3 cr)**	5, 7 5, 7 5, 10	4 4 3
THTR 1151	Acting I	6	3
ART 1101	The Visual Arts	6, 8	3
ENGL 1160	Children's Literature	6, 7	3
TOTAL CREDITS – Core Courses			46-47

**HIST 1133 (Minnesota History) is not accepted as part of the NCC-MN State University, Mankato 2+2 program.

Special Education Courses: 18 Credits

Special Education Courses		MNTC Goal (if any)	Credits
PSYC 1110	General Psychology	5	4
EDUC 2330	Introduction to Developmental Disabilities		4
EDUC 2408	Individuals with Diverse and Exceptional Needs		4
EDUC 2409	Learning and Human Development for Diverse Learners		4
HLTH 1103	College First Aid and Adult CPR		2
TOTAL CREDITS – Special Education Courses			18