

**ASSOCIATE IN ARTS**  
**Pre-major: MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION**  
**Revised Spring Semester 2010**

*This template has been developed by university and community college faculty and made specific for Durham Tech students. It is to be used as a blueprint for guiding students interested in majoring in Middle Grades Education in their course selections. Students who successfully complete this course of study and who meet the requirements for admission to the university may be eligible to apply for admission to the major with junior standing. **This agreement is meant as a guide and the student should not assume that it addresses unique requirements set by his or her university of choice. It is the student's responsibility to become aware of individual requirements of the senior institution and to make course substitutions as warranted, within the requirements of the AA Plan-of-Study.***

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**General Education Core (44 SHC):** 44 semester hours of credit (SHC) in general education core courses are required as outlined by the North Carolina Community College Curriculum Standards for Associate in Arts degree programs. Students who complete the General Education Core requirements exclusively at public colleges and universities in North Carolina or at private colleges that have signed on to the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement will be able to transfer the set of courses as a package. The General Education Core includes study in the areas of English composition, humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics.

**English Composition (6 SHC):**

- ENG 111 (3 SHC)—Expository Writing
- ENG 113 (3 SHC)—Literature-Based Research

**Humanities and Fine Arts (12 SHC):**

- One English literature course (3 SHC) selected from—ENG 231, 232, 233
- \*FL 111 (3 SHC)—Elementary Foreign Language I (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab – see Other Required Hours below*)
- \*FL 112 (3 SHC)—Elementary Foreign Language II (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below*)
- One course (3 SHC) selected from—ART 111, 114, 115; MUS 110

*\*Foreign languages offered at Durham Tech include Arabic, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. Students graduating from UNC-CH are required to complete Intermediate Foreign Language I.*

**Social and Behavioral Sciences (12 SHC):**

- One history course (3 SHC) selected from—HIS 111, 112, 121, 122
- PSY 150 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 210 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Sociology *or* SOC 225 (3 SHC)—Social Diversity
- One course (3 SHC) selected from the following list or from any course listed above under Social and Behavioral Sciences—ANT 210, 220; ECO 251, 252; GEO 111, 112; POL 120\*, 220; PSY 241, 281; SOC 210, 213, 220, 225

*\*Preferred by NCCU*

**Natural Science (8 SHC):**

- BIO 111 (4 SHC)—General Biology I
  - One physical science course (4 SHC) selected from—CHM 151\*, PHY 110/110A, 151\*
- \*Indicates courses that have mathematics pre-requisites beyond those listed below.*

**Mathematics (6 SHC):**

- MAT 140 (3 SHC)—Survey of Mathematics (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below*) (*Note: NCCU does not accept MAT 140 as a mathematics course. If transferring to NCCU, take MAT 151.*)
  - MAT 161 (3 SHC)—College Algebra (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below.*) (*Note: UNC-CH does not accept MAT 161 as a mathematics course. If transferring to UNC-CH, take MAT 171/ 171A, 172/ 172A or 263, and MAT 151.*)(*Also note: students selecting a corollary study of Mathematics should select MAT 171//171A and then 172/172A or MAT 175. See Other Elective Hours below.*)
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## **MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION, Continued**

**ELECTIVES:** To complete the Associate in Arts degree, a student must complete a total of 64 hours. Sixty-four credit hours are guaranteed to transfer. Transfer of credit hours beyond the 64<sup>th</sup> is not guaranteed. Electives transfer as a package if the student completes the AA degree. If the degree is not completed, then elective courses transfer on a course-by-course basis, and it is the student's responsibility to address individual program requirements at the university. We recommend that the additional 20 hours beyond the General Education Core be distributed as follows:

**Elective Hours Required for Graduation (9-12 SHC):**

- ACA 122 (1 SHC)—College Transfer Success
- Demonstration of computer competency by completion of CIS 110 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Computers *or* CIS 115 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Programming and Logic *or* satisfactory score on computer competency test
- FL 181 (1 SHC)—Lab for Foreign Language I
- FL 182 (1 SHC)—Lab for Foreign Language II
- MAT 140A (1 SHC)—Lab for Survey of Mathematics
- MAT 161A (1 SHC)—Lab for College Algebra
- One physical education course (1 SHC) selected from—PED 111, 113, 120, 121, 128, 130, 139, 142, 143, 145, 148, 149, 162, 183, 186
- CAPSTONE COURSE: HUM 212 (3 SHC)—Humanities II *or* BIO 140 (3 SHC)—Environmental Biology

**Other Elective Hours (8-11 SHC)**

- COM 231 (3 SHC)—Public Speaking
- Middle Grades Education students should select courses that will meet a corollary studies area from one of the following: 1) Language Arts, 2) Mathematics, 3) Social Studies, or 4) Science. These courses should be selected in conjunction with the requirements of the university, since available concentrations and their specific requirements differ on each campus. Select two or three courses from—**
- Language Arts: ENG 231, 232, 241, 242, 261, 262, 272, 273, 274
  - Mathematics: MAT 151, 171/171A *or* 175/175A, 172, 271, 272
  - Social Studies: ANT 210, 220; ECO 251, 252; GEO 111, 112; HIS 111, 112, 121, 122, 131, 132; POL 120, 220; PSY 241, 281; SOC 210, 213, 220
  - Science: AST 151/151A, 152/152A; BIO 111, 112, 120, 130, 140; CHM 130/130A *or* 151, 152; GEL 111; PHY 151, 152

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**The colleges and universities that offer this major:**

To identify the public universities offering this major, go to the web site

<http://ias.ga.unc.edu/%7Epassess/acrobat/apibyprog.pdf> or [www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/planning/traditional.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/planning/traditional.htm) .

To identify the private colleges and universities offering this major, go to the web site

<http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/publications/api.htm> .

**Admission to teacher licensure programs requires satisfactory scores on SAT or ACT or PRAXIS I, PPST—Reading, PPST—Writing, and PPST—MATH and a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.**

**Universities** allow, at most, 64 hours of credit to transfer. However, there are situations where more than 64 hours can be completed at the community college. Please consult with an advisor to find out what those situations are.

**Durham** Technical Community College awards the Transfer Core Diploma. The Transfer Core Diploma confirms that students have completed all their General Education Core requirements under an A.A. or A.S. degree program. Core completion certifies that a student has met all the lower-division General Education Requirements of the receiving senior institution and has met the Minimum Course Requirements (MCRs) for admission to the University of North Carolina System. Students need to apply for the Diploma

once they have completed the Core of their respective Plan of Study. Forms are available in Admissions in the Wynn Center.