

Associate in Science Degree
Total Number of Credits: 64

Program Description: The Associate in Science in Education is a transfer-oriented program providing a comprehensive core of education courses and experiences. It prepares individuals to transfer into a four-year teacher education program (or to work as educational paraprofessionals). The curriculum provides specific training, general education and experience working with children or youth in educational settings. Students interested in transferring to a four-year program need to check the specific transfer arrangements with the college of their choice and a Century College counselor. These discussions should take place early and often to ensure an appropriate program is planned for enrollment at Century and at the four-year school. This degree will fulfill the education requirements for paraprofessionals as described in the No Child Left Behind Act (Title 1 schools).

Application Requirements: High School graduate or GED

Core Requirements: 10 credits

EDUC 1020	Portfolios for Educators I	1
EDUC 1021	Portfolios for Educators II	1
EDUC 1022	Portfolios for Educators III	1
EDUC 1025	Minnesota Education Standards	1
EDUC 1045	Orientation to Education	3
EDUC 2025	Creating Culturally Responsive Classrooms	3

Electives: 14 credits

Students must take sufficient elective credit courses, as identified on their approved degree completion plan developed in EDUC 1020 and EDUC 1045 to make a total of 14 or more earned credits in this area. Students wishing to transfer into a four-year teacher education program should check carefully with their transfer institution for recommended courses before selecting courses. Students who wish to transfer into a teacher education program are encouraged to take general education coursework as electives. Students who are seeking a license in Minnesota should also take HLTH 1060. Students who wish to work as paraeducators are encouraged to take EDUC courses as electives. Students may also transfer in courses from other programs, colleges or use work experience. Please consult with a Century College counselor for advice/guidance.

Additional Requirements: Structured, education-related practicums and field experience are important components of quality education programs. Students in the Education AS program are required to complete a minimum of 40 to 100 hours of approved practicums, field experiences, internship experiences using the portfolio skills taught in EDUC 1020, recommended as a first semester course for all education majors; EDUC 1021, recommended at the end of the first year or the beginning of the second year; and EDUC 1022, recommended as a last semester or capstone course. Be advised that transfer institutions and/or employers may also ask for this documentation.

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 40 credits (Qualifies as the complete MnTC)

See MnTC course list for course options. Be advised that Schools of Education often have specific general education requirements.

Goal 1- Communication: 10 credits

ENGL 1021	Composition I	4
ENGL 1022	Composition II	3
Select ONE of the following COMM courses:		
COMM 1021	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 1041	Small Group Communication	3
COMM 1051	Intercultural Communication	3

Goal 2 – Critical Thinking is automatically fulfilled when all other MnTC goals are complete
Goal 3 – Sciences: 7 credits

Select **Two** courses from **two** different disciplines, with at least one **lab** course

Goal 4-Math/Logical Reasoning: 3 credits

Select a Mathematics course numbered between 1020 and 1082

Goal 5: History/Social and Behavioral Sciences: 9 credits

Select **Three** courses from **three** different disciplines

The following courses are highly **recommended**:

PSYC 1020	General Psychology -OR-	3
PSYC 2043	Child Development -OR-	3
PSYC 2044	Adolescent Development	3

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts: 9 credits

Select **Three** courses, at least one of which must be a **literature** course, from **three** different disciplines

Goals 7-10: Three credits in each of four goals 7-10. (COMM fulfills one of these requirements)

Additional Requirements: Sufficient credits to total 64

General Requirements for the AS degree:

1. At least 64 earned college-level credits (numbered 1000 or above). At least 20 credits must be earned at Century College.
2. A grade of C or better in ENGL 1021.
3. Century college-level GPA of 2.0; Required career and occupational courses GPA of 2.0; MnTC GPA of 2.0.

Assessment: *Assessments are required for all students* before registering for classes. Students may be required to take developmental courses in English, Reading and Mathematics based upon their assessment scores. For important information and exemptions see www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment.

References to the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum (MnTC): On this guidesheet, notations such as “Goal 1-Communication: 3 credits” are used to refer to the goals of the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum. Refer to the MnTC Course List for the specific courses from which students may choose to fulfill the MnTC requirements of the program, found in the catalog, the Counseling Center and on the Century website. References to two or three “different disciplines” means students must complete courses from two or three categories in the Goal for example, Psychology, History and Geography in Goal 5. Students should be aware that it may be necessary to select additional MnTC credits beyond the minimum required in each goal area, to reach the total MnTC/General Education credits required for their program.

Career Information: Counselors are available in the Counseling and Career Center, Room 2400 West, to assist with educational and career planning. Resources available include career interest and personality inventories and print and web-based occupational and educational information, e.g., occupational descriptions, employment outlook, earnings, education/training requirements and sources. Consult the *GPS LifePlan* link on the Century website for information on these and more resources for your career, work, and educational planning!

Transfer: This degree program is designed for both employment preparation and transfer. Some of the courses may not transfer to a number of four-year colleges. If you are considering the possibility of transfer, you may wish to talk with a counselor or the program instructor before registering to discuss your goals and look at programs designed for transfer. Students planning to transfer to Augsburg, Bemidji State University, and University of Wisconsin-River Falls with this degree should see a counselor regarding details of transfer agreements.

Time Limit for Meeting Graduation Requirements: See Century College catalog “Graduation” for information.

Academic Petitions: Any exceptions to the program requirements must be petitioned through the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Important Telephone Numbers: (651 Area Code)

Admission Office	773-1700
Counseling Office	779-3285
Financial Aid Office	779-3305

Program Instructor:			
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