

*Learning Today . . . Leading Tomorrow*

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Majors:

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Early Childcare Education AAS Child Care Management Pathway  
Early Childhood Education Diploma  
Early Childhood Education AAS Educator Licensure/Transfer Pathway  
Elementary Education AA  
Secondary Education AA  
Para Educator Certification

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Welcome to the Teacher Education Program at Southeastern Community College. We offer education degrees in the following areas.

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[Norma 1 \(gpaea.org\)](http://gpaea.org)  
[Education \(scciowa.edu\)](http://scciowa.edu)

Our program strives to prepare students for careers in teacher education in variety of ways such as fulfilling CDA expectations, Child Care Management, Diploma and by earning a 2-year degree or in preparation for transfer to a 4-year institution.

The Teacher Education Program maintains high standards established by the Higher Learning Commission and the Iowa Department of Education to ensure sound preparation of our students. Our education degrees are comprised of quality core education courses, hands-on learning through classroom observations, practicum experiences and connections with community organizations. Our program encourages student membership in Professional Organizations. Professionalism is embedded in our courses by focusing on the SCC Core Competencies.

As you begin your journey at SCC, be prepared to meet high standards in course content, be challenged to grow professionally and understand your social responsibility as you educate yourself for this field. The following information will serve as a guide to assist you with the journey.

Our faculty and advisors are available to answer any questions that you might have as you read through the handbook.

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” - **William Ward**



### **Southeastern Community College Mission**

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### **Southeastern Community College Vision**

Southeastern Community College, a visionary leader in lifelong learning, embraces diversity, transforms lives, strengthens communities, and inspires individuals to excellence.

### **Teacher Education Program Goals**

1. To provide general studies and education courses following Iowa teacher education guidelines.
2. To identify four-year institution partnerships that provide transfer programs for education students.
3. To utilize technology related to teaching skills as well as communication, research and management of information.
4. To create partnerships with early education programs and local school districts.
5. To understand the importance of effective classroom and behavior management.
6. To identify current educational issues and how that impacts the classroom.
7. To recognize that student growth is supported by community support, families and educators.
8. To put into practice the knowledge gained regarding ethics and professionalism.
9. Understanding the developmental stages of our learners and build opportunities that support their social, emotional, and cognitive abilities.

“Education is the movement from darkness to light.” **Allan Bloom**

## Conceptual Framework

The Teacher Education Program at Southeastern Community College lays the groundwork for a solid foundation based upon **educational theory**, practical **field experience** along with **pedagogical, developmental, ethical and professional principles**. These building blocks are aligned with the Iowa Teaching Standards identified by the Department Education. The Teacher Education Transfer Degrees prepare students to transfer to 4-year institutions to complete their identified education degree.

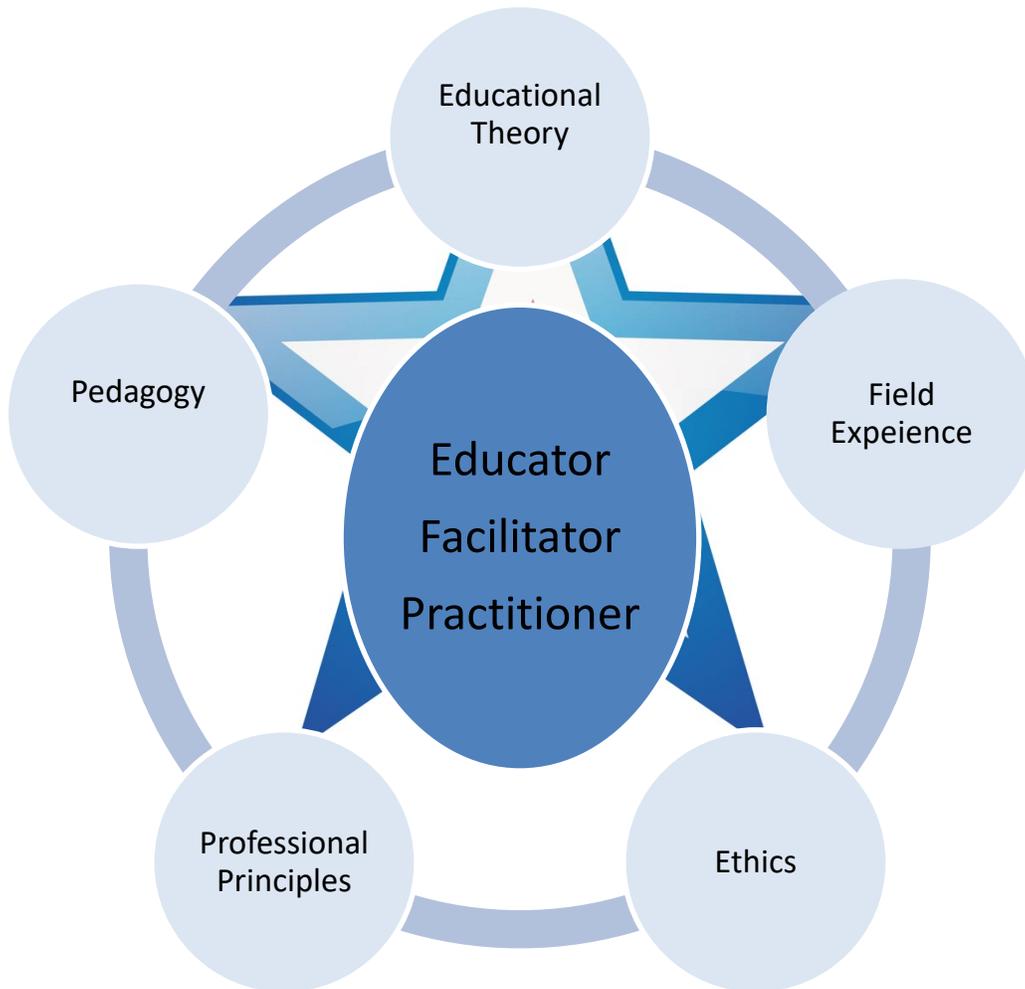
The format of the program emphasizes pedagogy and constructivism as critical elements in the experiences students will have in the various courses. Pedagogical knowledge refers to the presentation and strategies used by the educator in the presentation of the content. Constructivism is a learning theory that emphasizes the ways in which learners actively create meaning by constructing and reconstructing ideas about reality. Theorists, such as John Dewey, Lev Vygotsky, Benjamin Bloom, Howard Gardner, Jean Piaget and countless others, add perspective and richness to the understanding and application for pedagogy and constructivism.

### Southeastern Community College's Core Competencies

Embedded within the Education coursework are Southeastern Community College's Core Competencies which include *Communication, Critical Thinking, Cultural Awareness, Civic Awareness along with Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning*.

“Who dares to teach must never cease to learn.” **John Cotton Dana**

# Conceptual Model



“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.” **Albert Einstein**

## Essential Qualifications for Teacher Educators

The following technical standards address the physical, cognitive, communication and behavioral abilities essential to this program. Students must meet these technical standards in order to be successful in the program. Students with disabilities who wish to request reasonable accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act must follow the college's procedure for requesting accommodations. The college reserves the right to reject requests for accommodations that would fundamentally alter the nature of the educational program, lower the academic standards, cause undue hardship on the college, or endanger the health or safety of a student with a disability, other students, clinical patients or any other member of the college community.

The essential skills and abilities for these programs are categorized in the following technical standards

### **Cognitive**

With or without reasonable accommodations, a candidate must also be able to recall, evaluate, analyze, synthesize and apply and engage in critical thinking.

### **Communication**

With or without reasonable accommodations, a candidate for this program must be able to express information and ideas coherently and listen to and understand information and ideas. Candidates must be capable of effectively and professionally communicating and interacting with co-workers, parents, and students in both oral and written forms. Candidates must be able to read and write reports and other information and ideas. Candidates must be able to speak clearly so others may understand and must be able to identify and understand the speech of others.

### **Professional**

With or without reasonable accommodations, a candidate for this program must be able to work independently with limited supervision and work cooperatively with co-workers. Candidates must complete responsibilities in a timely manner, and exercise good judgement.

<https://d.docs.live.net/e59534c138c68acb/Desktop/SCC%20Teacher%20Ed%20Handbook/Teacher%20Education%20Handbook%20Final%20docs/Essential%20Skills%20for%20inservice%20or%20handbook.docx>

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself."

**Chinese Proverb**

## Teacher Education Advisement and Registration Process

### Registration

A student interested in Teacher Education must declare his/her chosen major. An advisor will be assigned that has expertise in your declared field of study and can advise you prior to each semester for your classes. It is helpful to know where you will transfer to complete your degree. A self-advising form is available for you to keep track of your required classes.

Declaring your major will allow us to support you as you move through your classes at Southeastern Community College. You will be required to take identified ECE/EDU classes as your introduction to this field. In addition to required background clearance checks, we will introduce you to the different degree options, transfer to 4-year institutions, professionalism, and membership with professional organizations.

### Requirements Teacher Education Students:

1. Background checks are required prior to the beginning the programs.
2. A cumulative content area GPA of 2.0 or higher is required for \*ALL ECE Courses and ALL EDU Courses.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and institutional GPA of 2.0 to apply for graduation.
4. All transfer Teacher Education Majors will be required to submit application to their transfer institutions and follow those guidelines for acceptance into their programs.

### Prerequisites and Grading Scale

Because our goal is to develop quality teacher educators, we have established prerequisites for some of our classes. Use the catalog to identify which classes have prerequisites prior to registration of classes. We are training future educators and have set the bar very high for our pre-service teachers.

**A= 100%-90% B= 89%-80% C= 79%-70% D= 69%-60% F= 59% & below**

“Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all questions.” **William Allin**

## Classroom Observations & Practicum Experiences

Many of our college classes require students to practice their skills by participating in classroom observations and practicum activities. Refer to the course descriptions to identify classes that require observations and practicum experiences. **Successful completion of these observations and practicums is required to pass the class. You must have a current clear background check to observe in any classroom.**

All observations must follow guidelines required by SCC and partner schools.

- Identify a classroom following the guidelines identified in the course syllabus.
- Interact with the college instructor concerning the classroom assignment and goals.
- A signed contract that identifies student expectations while in a school setting.
- You are required to wear your SCC ID badge (above the waist) when working in any school setting as well as any required identification the school system requires.
- Understand that you are taking on the role of a professional while observing.

### **Required Background Check Guidelines**

Southeastern Community College requires that all teacher education students pass background checks prior to any observation in the schools. Background check may be required at different times during the coursework.

**If an event occurs in your life that might impact your cleared background check, you are required to meet with your education instructor immediately.**

- Some experiences may require some or all the following:
  - TB test
  - CPR/First Aid
  - Student membership to a professional organization to show proof of student liability insurance prior to classroom observations.

“Children require guidance and sympathy far more than instruction.” **Annie Sullivan**

## **Liability Insurance**

The college's liability insurance covers students in the Teacher Education program while students are in a supervised assignment or experience. The cost of the liability insurance is covered by the general fund.

## **Exit exams for degrees**

Portfolios are an integral piece for our ECE and EDU degrees at SCC. As you move through both your core education classes and your ECE/EDU classes, you will be required to archive key pieces to include in your portfolio as well as provide pieces for the program to provide to our accrediting body. These will allow you the opportunity to show mastery of the key concepts for the coursework. Your capstone classes will require a submission of your portfolio. Many of your transfer institutions will require portfolio pieces for admission.

"Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself." **John Dewey**

## **Additional Information**

### **Important links to the Iowa Department of Education**

1. Iowa Department of Education. <https://educateiowa.gov/>
2. Teacher Licensure <https://boee.iowa.gov/>
3. Iowa Teaching Standards (Dispositions)  
[https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/IowaTeachingStandardsAndCriteria\\_0.pdf](https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/IowaTeachingStandardsAndCriteria_0.pdf)
4. Iowa Department of Education School Profile  
<https://educateiowa.gov/article/2018/12/27/iowa-department-education-releases-new-school-performance-results-website>
5. Iowa Department of Education Early Childhood Standards  
<https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/early-childhood-standards>

### Professional Organizations

6. Student Professional Organization of Iowa. <https://peiowa.org/about/>
7. Professional Educators of Iowa <https://peiowa.org/>
8. National Educators Association <http://www.nea.org/>
9. American Federation of Teachers <https://www.aft.org/>

### National Teaching Standards

10. INSTAC Standards for Teacher Education  
[https://ccsso.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/2013\\_INTASC\\_Learning\\_Progressions\\_for\\_Teachers.pdf](https://ccsso.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/2013_INTASC_Learning_Progressions_for_Teachers.pdf)
11. NAEYC Standards [The 10 NAEYC Program Standards | NAEYC](#)

### Transfer Institutions

12. University of Northern Iowa [https://admissions.uni.edu/be-a-teacher?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI7tS9k-LJ5wIVOB-tBh2omwsxEAAAYASAAEgIQgfD\\_BwE](https://admissions.uni.edu/be-a-teacher?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI7tS9k-LJ5wIVOB-tBh2omwsxEAAAYASAAEgIQgfD_BwE)
13. University of Iowa <https://education.uiowa.edu/>
14. Western Illinois University  
<http://www.wiu.edu/catalog/programs/teacher.php>
15. Iowa State University <https://www.education.iastate.edu/>
16. Buena Vista University <https://www.bvu.edu/degree-completion/teacher-education>

17. Iowa Wesleyan University <https://www.iw.edu/elementary-education/>.

**Required Exams to transfer to 4 yr. Institutions**

18. PRAXIS Exam <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ia>

19. CBASE Exam <https://departments.central.edu/education/current-students/cbase-exam/>

20. NOCTI Exam [What Is NOCTI? \(aeseducation.com\)](http://www.aeseducation.com)

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The student handbook has been developed by Southeastern Community College Teacher Education Program to serve as a guide for all students pursuing certificates and degrees in Early Education and Teacher Education. This handbook is a supplement to the SCC Student Handbook and Course Catalog should be used in tandem with all other official documents.

**Notice: Change in Catalog/Handbook Statement**

**SCC Teacher Education Program reserves the right to change courses, requirements, and policies that are stated in this handbook without advance notice. Students will be informed of changes by email, mail, flyers, posts and/announcements**

**Southeastern Community College  
Teacher Education Handbook Acknowledgement**

The Teacher Education Handbook is updated and available online to all teacher education students at the beginning of their program. Each student seeking a degree in this area should be included in an in-service that covers the expectations and guidelines for this career path.

The Teacher Education Program maintains high standards established by Higher Learning Commission and the Department of Education to ensure sound preparation for our students.

Please read, sign and submit the following contract.

I understand and I am expected to familiarize myself with the policies and procedures contained in the SCC Course Catalog, SCC Handbook and the Teacher Education Handbook and that I am held accountable for the information contained and any supplements that might be added.

I also understand that I must pass a background check to be enrolled in classes that have observation assignments.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge this information was  
proved to me on \_\_\_\_\_.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_