With an associate degree in education, you will acquire knowledge of the teaching profession as well as a strong background in general education subjects required of teachers. You will be prepared if you choose to transfer your degree to a bachelor’s degree program in education.

By completing a Gen Ed Transfer core and your Education courses, you will be ready to enter baccalaureate degree programs as a junior ready to pursue your bachelor’s degree in education.

**Degrees & Certificates Offered (Southwest Region):**
Associate of Science (AS)

**Typical Careers:**
Substitute Teacher
Teaching Assistant
Child Care worker

**POINTS OF PRIDE CONTINUED**
- Students benefit from established partnerships with the local school district, a charter school and local high schools where pre-service teachers can gain a wide range of experience at grade levels of their choice.
- Students prepare to become pre-service teachers by completing 20 hours of an actual real-time classroom learning practicum.
- Established on-site lab class that meets monthly where students can connect real-world application to the career path of education at a local charter school.
- Students can take part in a mentoring program that allows them to volunteer at a local elementary school to tutor students in grades 3-6.
- Students participate in a mock interview with leaders of the community such as a principal, a teacher, a former dean and an early childhood program chair to prepare them for the world of work in education in the capstone course.

**POINTS OF PRIDE**
- Students learn from a dedicated and experienced educator who served as a principal for eight years and a teacher for 22 years. She brings her expertise to the classroom which helps prepare pre-service teachers to teach grades 1-12.
- Students work in flipped classes to utilize hands-on manipulatives and project-based learning that promotes critical thinking application through cooperative groups.