

HIGH SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT

GATEWAY TO EDUCATION

The Gateway to Education Certificate Program offers high school students in dual credit courses a chance to explore career-focused classes while earning college credits. Within this program students will gain insights into the teaching profession and explore various teacher education degrees offered by South Dakota's public universities. **View the certificate course plan and potential degree paths below!**



CERTIFICATE COURSEWORK PLAN

If you are considering a career in education, the courses in the certificate plan below will help you explore that path.

*Completing these courses not only qualify for an undergraduate certificate, but they also stack seamlessly into any of the featured business programs at one of South Dakota's public universities!

EDUCATION

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| EDFN 102 | Introduction to Education |
| SPED 100 | Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities |

COMMUNICATIONS

Take one of the following:

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| CMST 101 | Foundations of Communication |
| ENGL 101 | Composition I |

HISTORY

Take one of the following:

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| HIST 151 | United States History I |
| HIST 152 | United States History II |
| INED/AIS 211 | South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education |

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT OUTCOMES

- Earn experience observing, leading and facilitating instruction in elementary education classrooms
- Analyze the basic issues that impact public education (e.g., legal/ethical, financial, organizational, technological, political).
- Communicate clearly in a variety of situations (written, verbal, non-verbal) to achieve a defined purpose.
- Analyze the impact of diverse perspectives in contemporary of historical contexts (individual, cultural, political).

*Students who do not complete the certificate coursework in high school can still earn the credential while attending a participating South Dakota public university.

POTENTIAL DEGREE PATHS

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Art Education
Early Childhood Special Education
Elementary Education
K-12 Special Education
Music Education
Outdoor Education
Physical Education
Secondary Education**
Speech Education

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Biology Education
Business Education
Computer Education
Elementary Education
Elementary/Special Education
English Education
Physical Education
Mathematics Education
Secondary Education**
Special Education

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Elementary Education
Secondary Education**
Physical Education
Special Education

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Art Education
Ag Education Communication and Leadership
Early Childhood Education
Family and Consumer Sciences Education
Music Education
Physical Education Teacher Education

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Elementary Education
Elementary/Special Education
Physical Education
Secondary Education**

**Secondary Education majors focus on a specific subject area, such as Mathematics Education, History Education, etc.