

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 qualifies for an undergraduate certificate but contributes to degree progress within the featured business programs at South Dakota's public universities. Courses that comprise the certificate may count toward general education requirements, major requirements, or electives, depending on your chosen major and university.

EDUCATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Take one of the following:

CMST 101	Foundations of Communication
ENGL 101	Composition I

HISTORY

Take one of the following:

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*

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Career and Technical Education
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education & Special Education
Physical Education
Secondary Education*
Social Science Education
Music Education
Art Education
Physical Education

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ag Education Communication and Leadership
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Family and Consumer Sciences Education
Music Education
Physical Education Teacher Education
Secondary Education*
Special 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.