

Associate of Science (AS) Degrees

Students seeking an Associate of Science (AS) degree from Normandale Community College must successfully complete the degree requirements determined by the specific program, which include 30 credits from at least six MnTC Goals.

Other Graduation Requirements:

Complete the specific major requirements.

- Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher for college-level coursework completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum of 20 college level classes at Normandale.

Special Education Foundations (AS)

The Associate of Science degree in Special Education Foundations prepares students for a major in special education at a four-year college or university. It also is excellent preparation for students who wish to work as paraprofessionals or education assistants in a special education classroom.

This degree incorporates the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). The degree also includes the requirements for entrance into third-year courses in many other four-year public or private colleges offering a special education major.

However, Normandale has a partnership which enables students to obtain a four-year Special Education (DCD) degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato on the Normandale campus.

Completion of the AS in Special Education Foundations degree does not guarantee entrance into any particular education program.

Students considering a teaching career are encouraged to take EDUC 1101 during their first semester, or as soon as possible in their college

career. This course exposes education students to early field experiences so that students can determine if a career in teaching is right for them.

In order to complete a baccalaureate degree in four years, students must be prepared to take collegelevel composition and mathematics when they enter Normandale. If developmental coursework is required, the time needed to obtain a degree and licensure is increased.

Degree Requirements:

Students wishing to complete the AS in Special Education Foundations should do the following:

- Determine the four-year college or university to which they plan to transfer.
- Consult the catalog or transfer guide for that institution to become familiar with the requirements for a special education major. Additional help is available in the Normandale Education Training Academy (EdTrAc) Office C 3040.
- Develop a plan for coursework that includes:
 - Core courses (these courses meet the MnTC requirements).
 - Special education courses.
 - Complete the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST). Information about this test can be obtained from the EdTrAc Office, C 3040.
 - Apply to graduate during the final semester as Normandale students.
 - Apply for admission to their selected college or university during their final semester at Normandale.

Required Courses: (46-47 cr)

For admission to the Minnesota State University, Mankato program, a grade of C or higher is required in all core courses, except those marked with an asterisk (*), which require a grade of B or higher.

ART 1101	The Visual Arts (3)
BIOL 1102	Human Biology (4)
-OR BIOL 1007	Contemporary Biology (4)
COMM 1101*	Fundamentals-Public Speaking (3)
EDUC 1101	Introduction to Education (4)
ENG 1101*	Freshman Composition (4)



ENGL 1160	Children's Literature (3)
GEOG 1125	Geography of U.S. and Canada (3)
HLTH 1106	Drug Use and Abuse (3)
HIST 1111	U.S. History 1 (4)
-OR HIST 1112	U.S. History 2 (4)
-OR HIST 1133	Minnesota History (3)
MATH 1050	Mathematical Foundations I (3)
MATH 1060	Mathematical Foundations 2 (3)
PHYS 1050	Survey of Classical Physics (4)
PSYC 1109	Child Development (3)
THTR 1151	Acting I (3)

Required Special Education Courses: (18 cr)

EDUC 2330	Introduction to Developmental Disabilities (4)
EDUC 2408	Individuals with Diverse and Exceptional Needs (4)
EDUC 2409	Learning/Human Development (4)
PSYC 1110	General Psychology (4)
HLTH 1103	College First Aid and Adult CPR (2)

