College Credit in High School
Find your passion. Get a head start. Experience college with rock star teachers. Earn **FREE** college credit.

**Experience**
This fast-paced learning experience provides an introduction to students pursuing education careers.

The curriculum combines a strong arts and sciences background with professional courses.

**Outcome**
Students learn what it takes to be a successful educator in the 21st century.

Students are instructed through a pre-professional program that provides requirements of a teaching degree.

**Career Focus**
The program helps students meet transfer institutions’ requirements and provides specific training and general education in working with children or youth in educational settings.

Determine if you are ready for a career in the education field and build professional networking.

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**College Credits Earned:** 13-16

The Education Academy can lead students to college Certificates, Diplomas, Associates, Bachelors and Graduate degrees. Examples of college majors include, but are not limited to:

- Early Childhood, Elementary Education and/or Secondary Education.

**Iowa Average Salaries in Education Careers**

- Teacher Assistants (Paraeducator): $22,960
- Elementary Teacher (except Special Education): $49,910
- Postsecondary School Administrators: $95,610

More info can be found at: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

**College Credit Courses**
Courses subject to change based on college curriculum. (Offered AM Only)

**FALL**

**EDU-110 | Exploring Teaching | 3 College Credits**
Introduces the concerns and activities of beginning teachers. The focus is on developing generic teaching skills applicable from preschool through high school. Microteaching is used to simulate actual teaching situations. Case studies are used to discuss common teaching problems.

**PSY-111 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 College Credits**
Introduces the scientific study of mental processes and behavior with emphasis on the nervous system, learning and memory, cognition, sensation and perception, motivation and emotion, personality, intelligence, stress, psychological disorders and therapy, and social influence. Stresses roles of both theory and empirical evidence in describing, explaining and predicting behavior. Encourages critical thinking about research methods and ethics.

**SPRING**

**PSY-121 | Developmental Psychology | 3 College Credits**
Introduces physical, cognitive and psychosocial development from a lifespan perspective covering conception until death. Provides an introduction to major theories and classic and contemporary research, and examines normative development as impacted by genes, maturation, experience, cohort, gender, race, social class and culture. Discusses topics including developmental research methods; genetics; prenatal development; infancy; childhood; adolescence; early, middle and late adulthood; and death and bereavement.

**EDU-810 | Field Experience | 3 College Credits**
Offers experience in classrooms. Students spend 100 hours at a school working under the supervision of a teacher. Students choose between preschool, elementary and secondary settings. A seminar is part of the course. **Comments:** In order for a student to be placed in the second semester field experience, they need to have a Kirkwood Community College GPA of 2.5 and a high school GPA of 3.0.

**OR**

**EDU-805 | Literacy Tutor Experience | 1-3 College Credits**
Provides students with an opportunity to spend 30, 60 or 100 hours in a school or other community agency tutoring in Reading and other basic skills. In addition, 12 hours of seminar are part of the course.

**Need to Know**
Students who complete Exploring Teaching successfully have satisfied one required course for students interested in becoming Paraeducator certified. For more info: [www.kirkwood.edu/paraeducator](http://www.kirkwood.edu/paraeducator)

Students must have the availability to complete a 100 hour field experience within the walls of their district and complete a service learning component of the Career Academy to be outlined by your instructor.