



This program offers excellent career opportunities for both male and female students.

# Credits, Articulations & Prerequisites

#### Credits:

Cross credit with some academic courses (including 4th year related math, VPAA, math & science) may be available and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with each district's counseling department.

#### **Articulations:**

- Baker College
- Central Michigan University
- Davenport University
- Wayne County Community College District

### Prerequisites:

- Junior status
- Criminal Background Check
- Physical Examination, TB Test, Immunization Record
- Transportation for some activities
- Attend an orientation with a parent
- Grade of C or better and instructor approval to go on to the advanced level

## **Program Description**

This program introduces the unique characteristics of the child, develops respect for children, and guidance skills that help them grow and develop. The student will not only gain knowledge that enables him/her to decide whether working in the field of education is suitable, but also develop and show responsibility in work performance; learn how to study the growth and development of children; recognize the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual abilities and needs of children; understand how children learn and the importance of play in their development; and learn how parents and teachers influence the growth and development of the child. The student will gain this knowledge through classroom work and field placement experiences in a preschool and elementary setting. The program will also introduce the unique characteristics of the teaching field through lesson planning, classroom management, technology and field placement experiences. The student will continue to learn about the field of education through observation and field experience.

## **Special Features**

Leadership opportunities available through participation in Educators Rising in which students will be able to compete against other schools in the nation.

Work-based learning opportunities available

A state-required assessment (Professional Readiness Exam or PRE) is given to all students that have a grade of C or better. The assessment also can qualify students for college credits at Central Michigan University)