

Community College of Philadelphia

Education

Shaping Minds for the Future

Are you someone who believes that you can make a difference in the world? Do you believe that you can make a contribution by having a positive effect on the lives of young people? If so, teaching is a wonderful career for you. The profession of teaching attracts those who are committed to academic excellence. Teachers are trained rigorously for the profession in the classroom and as interns in authentic learning environments.

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– Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-07 Edition*

Community College of Philadelphia’s Education program is the first step in training to become a teacher. Here you can earn an associate’s degree and transfer to a four-year institution. Students who have earned associate’s degrees are also eligible to serve as paraprofessionals in the classroom in the School District of Philadelphia.

The Education program has three options:

- elementary education
- secondary math or science
- secondary humanities/citizenship education, for subjects such as English, foreign languages, history, geography and social science

The Education program prepares you to transfer to a bachelor’s degree program in Education. Expert faculty will give you a

strong foundation of art, literature, history and other Liberal Arts subjects.

The program includes 20 hours of field experience in which students visit classrooms, observing or participating. You may:

- work with small groups
- read aloud to children
- tutor students
- help students with research projects

A weekly seminar at the College with fellow Education students helps to connect theory to practice. Classroom observations are discussed and shared in the classroom setting.

Career Paths

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from good to excellent, depending on the locality, grade level and subject taught." *The Handbook* predicts the best opportunities will be in inner cities and rural areas, in subjects including math and science, foreign languages, bilingual education and English as a second language.

The Education Program

The A.A. program in Education teaches these skills:

- understanding and communicating with students at different levels
- using technology in the classroom
- planning lessons, activities and assignments
- managing classroom behavior
- critical thinking

Your Education advisor helps you select the courses that you should take in order to advance to the four-year institution you plan to attend. The College has special articulation agreements with 14 local and regional institutions, allowing for a seamless transfer with no loss of credits.

Areas of Study

This curriculum includes courses in education, teaching with technology, educational psychology and field experience.

Admission to the College

We accept students on an open enrollment basis, meaning that applications are accepted at all times of the year. For registration information, call **215-751-8010** or email **admissions@ccp.edu**.

College Information

Visit the College Website at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

Academic Programs

www.ccp.edu/site/academic/

Admissions Process

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php

Transfer Agreements

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/

Financial Aid

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/

Scholarships and Awards

www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/

College Life

www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/

Directions to the College

www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

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