ACCRREDITED ONLINE COURSEWORK 
FOR KINDERGARTEN ENDORSEMENT
The ND Kindergarten Endorsement certifies teachers to teach preschool and kindergarten in accredited settings. A Kindergarten Endorsement is an attachment to an Elementary Education license and though originally designed for the re-education or teachers, VCSU encourages Elementary Education Majors to consider this option if they have a desire to teach preschool or kindergarten.

STUDY ONLINE
All coursework leading to the ND Kindergarten Endorsement is offered online from VCSU and can be completed in a single calendar year.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
In addition to the prescribed classes, students must also complete an 80 hour field experience in an approved preschool setting and a minimum of five weeks of student teaching. Exception: ND allows those individuals who have completed one year of teaching kindergarten or first grade as substitute for student teaching in Kindergarten.

NOTE
The courses completed within the endorsement are listed on the VCSU transcript, however the endorsement is not specifically listed like a minor or major. Rather, the endorsement is added to a teaching license that is issued by the North Dakota ESPB (Education Standards and Practices Board). To obtain the actual endorsement, students make application to the North Dakota ESPB after graduation. The VCSU curriculum is designed to meet the requirements for the North Dakota ESPB middle level endorsement. Endorsement and teacher licensure requirements vary by state.

Valley City State University offers all coursework necessary to meet the North Dakota kindergarten endorsement criteria.

REQUIRED COURSES  
EDUC 310 Intro to Early Childhood Education  3  
EDUC 313 Lang & Literacy in Early Childhood Ed  2  
EDUC 337 Pre-K Observation and Assessment  3  
EDUC 435 Kindergarten Education & Curriculum  4  
EDUC 485 Student Teaching -or- One Yr K-1 Experience  5

TECHNOLOGY
• Notebook computers with DVD burners and multimedia capabilities
• Digital cameras, video cameras, and other peripherals
• Blackboard online learning environments

CAREER SERVICES PROVIDES
• Career, job search, placement services free to all students
• Field trips, employer on-campus visits
• Information, networking opportunities and skill development
• Visit www.vcsu.edu/careerservices/

ACCREDITATIONS
• National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)