



**VALLEY CITY**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

WYOMING ONLINE PROGRAM



SCHOOL OF

**EDUCATION AND  
GRADUATE STUDIES**

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151

education  
graduates

Average Number  
of VCSU Teacher  
Education Graduates  
every year\*

\*2018-2023

VCSU Online Education Programs	WYOMING LICENSE	VCSU Advisor & Email	
Art Education	Art, K-12	Gratia Brown	<a href="mailto:gratia.brown@vcsu.edu">gratia.brown@vcsu.edu</a>
Business Education	Business, 6-12	Tammy Katuin	<a href="mailto:tammy.katuin@vcsu.edu">tammy.katuin@vcsu.edu</a>
Elementary Education	Elementary Education Grades K-6	Dr. Cindy Zahn	<a href="mailto:cindy.zahn@vcsu.edu">cindy.zahn@vcsu.edu</a>
English Education	English, 6-12	Lee Kruger	<a href="mailto:lee.kruger@vcsu.edu">lee.kruger@vcsu.edu</a>
Health Education	Health, 6-12	Amber Thompson	<a href="mailto:amber.thompson.1@vcsu.edu">amber.thompson.1@vcsu.edu</a>
History Education	History, 6-12	Dr. Steven King	<a href="mailto:steven.king@vcsu.edu">steven.king@vcsu.edu</a>
Mathematics Education	Mathematics, 6-12	Dr. Jamie Wirth	<a href="mailto:jamie.wirth@vcsu.edu">jamie.wirth@vcsu.edu</a>
Music Education	Music, K-12	Jessica Shuler	<a href="mailto:jessica.a.shuler@vcsu.edu">jessica.a.shuler@vcsu.edu</a>
Physical Education	Physical Education, K-12	Amber Thompson	<a href="mailto:amber.thompson.1@vcsu.edu">amber.thompson.1@vcsu.edu</a>
Spanish Education	Spanish, 6-12	Luis Betancur	<a href="mailto:luis.betancur@vcsu.edu">luis.betancur@vcsu.edu</a>
Social Science Education	Social Science, 6-12	Dr. Steven King	<a href="mailto:steven.king@vcsu.edu">steven.king@vcsu.edu</a>
Technology Education	Technology, 6-12	Dr. Peder Gjovik	<a href="mailto:peder.gjovik@vcsu.edu">peder.gjovik@vcsu.edu</a>
Master of Arts in Teaching	Secondary content areas including Art, Business Ed, Math, Science, English, Health, Physical Education, Science, Spanish, Social Science, Technology	Dr. James Boe	<a href="mailto:jim.boe@vcsu.edu">jim.boe@vcsu.edu</a>
Post-Baccalaureate Non-Degree Licensure Only Programs	K-12 ELL, K-12 Special Education, Early Childhood, and Kindergarten	Dr. Allen Burgad	<a href="mailto:allen.a.burgad@vcsu.edu">allen.a.burgad@vcsu.edu</a>

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Founded more than 125 years ago, VCSU is widely respected as having one of the finest teacher education programs in the region.

Students have the opportunity to become qualified for nearly any area of K-12 education from the elementary classroom to rapidly growing areas of specialization like ELL and STEM Education.

Our program strives to prepare teacher candidates for authentic classroom teaching by exposing them to real-world teaching experiences. Job placement after graduation is a priority at VCSU.

## 120 Credits to Graduate

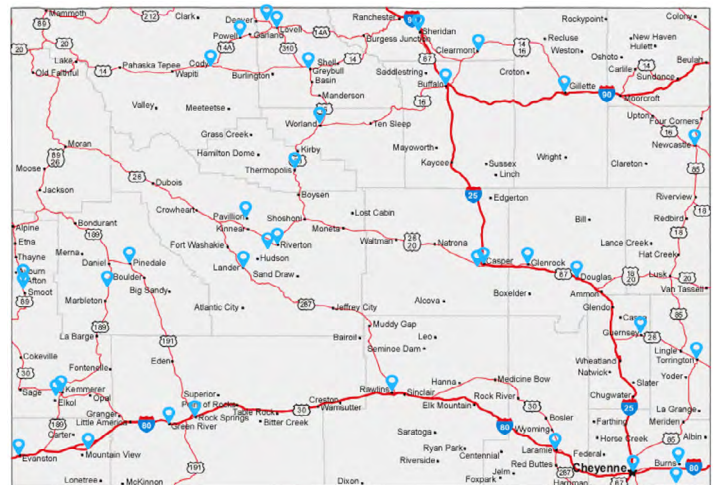
Approximately 35 VCSU  
Remaining Credits

VCSU Tuition & Fees = \$300 per credit  
This includes 20% Waiver.

\$10,500 before FAFSA

## 20% TUITION WAIVER

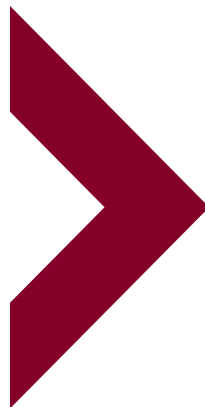
Valley City State provides a 20% tuition waiver for online undergraduate Wyoming students that enroll from articulation agreement colleges or enroll in an online only program. This reduction would equate to the same tuition rate paid by North Dakota resident students.



**SINCE 2009, ALMOST 280 GRADUATES FROM  
VCSU ONLINE PROGRAMS HAVE TAUGHT IN THE  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON THIS MAP.**

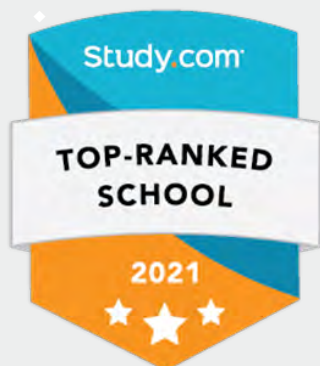
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# NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED EXCELLENCE

Best Bachelor's in Elementary Education Degree Program compiled by Study.com



Valley City State University is ranked second among Midwest public regional colleges in the 2024 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings. VCSU has been named a U.S. News "Best College" for 27 consecutive years.



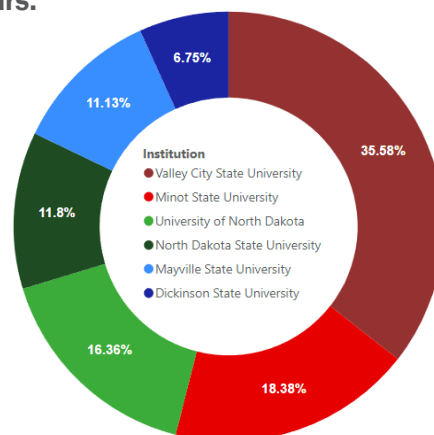
## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

### 2021-2022 NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION COMPLETIONS

Percentage of undergraduate certificates, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees awarded by institutions in the 2021-2022 academic year.

Data compiled using North Dakota University System reporting.

VCSU has consistently grown in the number of successful graduates in education during the past 20 years.



## PROGRAM SATISFACTION

FALL 2011 TO SPRING 2023 SURVEY RESULTS

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND YOUR TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM TO OTHER PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS?

	Total	Percentage
Definitely Yes	1,083	75.4%
Probably Yes	314	21.9%
Probably No	32	2.23%
Definitely No	7	0.5%
Total	1,436	

# ➤ TEACHER EDUCATION ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## Teacher Education Program Requirements

- ◆ Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- ◆ Comp I (ENGL 110 or ENGL 210) with C or higher
- ◆ COMP II (ENGL 120 or ENGL 125) with C or higher
- ◆ EDUC 249/250 with C or higher- These courses walk you through the admittance process
- ◆ Meet the Basic Skills Requirements
- ◆ Speech Screening Test
- ◆ Positive recommendations from two School of Education and/or content area instructors
- ◆ Positive recommendation from advisor



## BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS

Teacher candidates must provide evidence of basic skills in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Teacher candidates can demonstrate basic skills by meeting the following criteria in each basic skills area.

PRAXIS Recipient	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Earning a letter grade of A or B in one of the following courses <b>or</b>	ENGL 231, ENGL 236, ENGL 241, ENGL 242 ENGL 261, ENGL 262 HUM 201	Comp I (ENGL 110) Comp II (ENGL 120/ENGL 125) Comp III (ENGL 210)	MATH 103, MATH 104 MATH 107, MATH 110 MATH 210, EDUC 277, EDUC 278
Praxis I: CORE <b>or</b>	(5713) Score of 156+	(5723) Score of 160+	(5733) Score of 150+
ACT <b>or</b>	Reading Score of 20+	ELA Score of 20+ or Writing Score of 6.5+	Math Score of 21+
SAT	Score of 540+	Score of 5+	Score of 530+

## PRAXIS I: CORE TEST REQUIREMENTS

PRAXIS I CORE tests	Test	Qualifying Score	Minimum Score	Recipient Code
CORE: Reading	5713	156	149	Valley City State University *Scores must be sent to VCSU
CORE: Writing	5723	160	153	
CORE: Mathematics	5733	150	143	North Dakota Education Standards & Practices Board (ND ESPB)
Composite Score	5752	466	466	

- ◆ ACT Test Requirements: The ACT exam may serve as an alternative to the Praxis Core if a candidate's ACT scores meet or exceed the following requirements – ACT Composite score of 22, ELA score of 21, and Math score of 21.

# A DEGREE THAT CAN TAKE YOU PLACES

## Minors, Certificates and Endorsements

### STEM Education- Elementary Certificate of Completion Required Courses

STEM ED 355 STEM Curriculum & Methods for Elementary (3)

#### Elective 9-10 hours

STEM ED 160 Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers (4)

STEM ED 306 Invent/Innov-Tech Ed for Children (3)

STEM ED 310 Design/Tech/Eng for Elementary (3)

STEM ED 342 Building Math (3)

### STEM Education - Secondary Certificate of Completion Required Courses

STEM ED 411 STEM Curriculum and Methods (3)

#### Elective 9 hours

STEM ED 331 Innovation/Engineering Design (3)

STEM ED 431 Design for Engineering (3)

STEM ED 450 Engineering the Future (3)

TECH 161 Technology, Engineering and Design (4)

TECH 325 Technology and Engineering I (3)

TECH 330 Technology and Engineering II (3)

### Strategist Special Education Endorsement

EDUC 240 Educating Exceptional Students (3)

EDUC 250 Introduction to Education (3)

EDUC 300 Educational Technology (2)

EDUC 323 Methods of Reading (3)

EDUC 430 Diagnosis & Correction of Reading (3)

SPED 310 Behavior Modification (3)

SPED 333 Assessment of Students with Disabilities (3)

SPED 340 Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disorders, Intellectual Disabilities (3)

SPED 380 Consultation & Collaboration; Transition & Inclusive Settings (3)

SPED 382 Methods & Materials of SLD (2)

SPED 383 Methods & Materials of ED (2)

SPED 384 Methods & Materials of ID (2)

SPED 486 Student Teaching - 6 weeks (5)

### Reading Certificate of Completion

EDUC 375 Teaching Reading in the Content Area (2)

EDUC 430 Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Difficulties (3)

EDUC 431 Practicum in Corrective Reading (Elementary) (2)

### ND Kindergarten Endorsement Required Courses

EDUC 310 Intro to Early Childhood Education (3)

EDUC 313 Lang & Literacy in Early Childhood Education (2)

EDUC 337 Pre-K Observation and Assessment (3)

EDUC 435 Kindergarten Education and Curriculum (4)

EDUC 485 Student Teaching -or- One Yr K-1 Experience (5)

### English Language Learners Endorsement Required Courses

EDUC 283 Cultural Diversity in Education (3)

EDUC 361 Foundations of Bilingual and Multicultural Education (2)

EDUC 363 Assessing ELL Proficiency (2)

EDUC 390 Methods of Teaching ELL (2)

EDUC 464 Practicum in the ELL Classroom (2)

ENGL 309 Linguistic and Language Acquisition (3)

ENGL 409 Language and Culture (3)

### Library Media and Information Science Minor Required Courses

LMIS 250 Introduction to Libraries and Information Science (3)

LMIS 360 Collection Development (3)

LMIS 365 The Organization of Information (3)

LMIS 370 Reference Sources and Services (3)

LMIS 430 Administration of the School Library Media Center (3)

LMIS 445 Standards for Effective Libraries (3)

LMIS 470 Current Issues in Librarianship (3)

#### Electives

EDUC 330 Children's Literature (3)

or ENGL 350 Young Adult Reading and Literature

*ND Library Media and Credential Information Completion of the five basic courses (LMIS 250, LMIS 360, LMIS 365, LMIS 370, and LMIS 430) in the Library Minor and Teacher Certification qualifies students as Library Media Specialists at LMO3 level in ND. Completion of the Library Minor (24 hours) as as described in the catalog and ND Teacher Certification qualifies students as a Library Media Specialist in ND at the LMO2 level. Total Credits 24*

### Middle Level Certificate of Completion

EDUC 305 Philosophy and Curriculum of Middle Level Education (3)

EDUC 375 Teaching Reading in the Content Area (2)

EDUC 470 Methods of Teaching in the Middle School (3)

PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology (3)

### Music Education Minor Required Courses

MUS 111 Class Piano I (1)

MUS 112 Class Piano II (1)

MUS 122 Music Theory I (3)

MUS 123 Aural Skills I (1)

MUS 124 Music Theory II (3)

MUS 125 Aural Skills II (1)

MUS 131 Concert Choir (1)

MUS 152 Voice Class (1)

MUS 205 Basic Conducting (2)

MUS 229 Guitar Methods (1)

MUS 390 Music in the Elementary School (3)

#### Electives

(Any MUS credits)(3)

*The Music Education Minor is designed to help Elementary Education majors hone their skills in music and prepare them to use music in their classrooms. It includes instruction in basic music theory and aural skills, voice, guitar, piano, and elementary music methods. Elementary Education students who complete this minor are eligible for a K-8 Music endorsement on their North Dakota Teaching License.*

# ONLINE COURSE ROTATION

## FALL SEMESTER

### Elementary Education Required Courses

EDUC 278 - Math for Elem Teach II  
EDUC 320 - Social Studies Methods  
EDUC 321 - Foundations of Reading  
EDUC 323 - Methods of Reading  
EDUC 350 - Practicum  
EDUC 351 - Sec. Prac. & Class Mgmt  
EDUC 355 - Science Methods  
EDUC 491 - Portfolio

### Professional Education Sequence

EDUC 240 - Educating Exceptional  
EDUC 249 - Intro to VCSU  
EDUC 250 - Introduction to Education  
EDUC 283 - Cultural Diversity  
EDUC 300 - Education Technology  
EDUC 352 - Cultural Diversity Pract.  
EDUC 400 - Educational Psychology  
EDUC 450 - Trends in Assessment  
EDUC 475 - Student Teaching- Secondary  
EDUC 480 - Student Teaching- Secondary  
EDUC 490 - Student Teaching- Elementary  
PSYC 250 - Developmental Psychology

## SPRING SEMESTER

### Elementary Education Required Courses

EDUC 210 - Creative Activities  
EDUC 277 - Math for Elem Teachers I  
EDUC 315 - Math in Elementary School  
EDUC 320 - Social Studies Methods  
EDUC 321 - Foundations of Reading  
EDUC 322 - Methods of Language Arts  
EDUC 330 - Children's Literature  
EDUC 350 - Practicum  
EDUC 351 - Sec. Prac. & Class Mgmt  
EDUC 355 - Science Methods  
EDUC 491 - Portfolio

### Professional Education Sequence

EDUC 240 - Educating Exceptional  
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PSYC 250 - Developmental Psychology

## SUMMER SEMESTER

### Elementary Education Required Courses

EDUC 210 - Creative Activities  
EDUC 277 - Math for Elem Teachers I  
EDUC 278 - Math for Elem Teach II  
EDUC 315 - Math Methods  
EDUC 322 - Methods of Lang. Arts  
EDUC 323 - Methods of Reading

### Professional Education Sequence

EDUC 240 - Educating Exceptional  
EDUC 249 - Intro to VCSU  
EDUC 283 - Cultural Diversity  
EDUC 400 - Educ Psychology  
EDUC 450 - Trends in Assessment  
PSYC 250 - Developmental Psychology



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# CERTIFICATE & ENDORSEMENT ROTATION

**\*\* Endorsement coursework is available online and should be planned with a VCSU education advisor before starting the online elementary education program. Endorsement coursework is not required and may require additional semesters.**

	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
➤ <b>KINDERGARTEN</b>	EDUC 310 (3) Intro to Early Childhood EDUC 337 (3) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (80-hour practicum) EDUC 485 (5) Kindergarten Student Teaching (6 Weeks)	EDUC 313 (2) Language and Literacy EDUC 337 (3) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (80-hour practicum) EDUC 435 (4) Kindergarten Education and Curriculum EDUC 485 (5) Kindergarten Student Teaching (6 Weeks)	EDUC 310 (3) Intro to Early Childhood EDUC 313 (2) Language and Literacy EDUC 337 (3) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (80-hour practicum) EDUC 435 (4) Kindergarten Education and Curriculum
➤ <b>ENGLISH LEARNERS</b>	EDUC 363 (2) Assessing ELL Proficiency EDUC 464 (2) Practicum in ELL ENGL 409 (3) Language and Culture	EDUC 390 (2) Methods of Teaching ELL EDUC 464 (2) Practicum in ELL	EDUC 361 (2) Foundations of Bilingual ENGL 309 (3) Linguistics & Lang. Acquisitions
➤ <b>READING CERTIFICATE</b>	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC 431 (2) Reading Practicum	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC - 431 (2) Reading Practicum	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC-431 (2) Reading Practicum
➤ <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE</b>	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 305 (3) Philosophy & Curriculum Middle School EDUC 470 (3) Methods of Teaching in Middle School
➤ <b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	SPED 340 (3) Learning, Emotional & Intellectual Disabilities SPED 380 (3) Collab, Consult, Trans & Inclusion SPED 382 (2) Methods and Mat. SLD SPED 383 (2) Methods and Mat. ED SPED 486 – (5) Student Teaching Experience in SLD, ED, and ID (6 weeks) EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties	SPED 310 (3) Behavior Modification SPED 333 (3) Assessment of Children with Disabilities SPED 340 (3) Learning, Emotional & Intellectual Disabilities SPED 383 (2) Methods and Mat. ED SPED 384 (2) Methods and Mat. ID SPED 486 – (5) Student Teaching Experience in SLD, ED, and ID (6 weeks) EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties	SPED 340 (3) Learning, Emotional & Intellectual Disabilities SPED 380 (3) Collab, Consult, Trans & Inclusion EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties
➤ <b>STEM EDUCATION CERTIFICATE</b>	STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 306 (3) Inventions and Innovations – Technology Education for Children	STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 310 (3) Design, Tech and Engineering for Children STEM ED 355 (3) Curriculum and Methods for Elementary	STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 342 (3) Building Math