VALLEY CITY
STATE UNIVERSITY

College of DuPage

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE ONLINE PROGRAM

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151
education graduates
Average Number of VCSU Teacher Education Graduates every year*
*2018-2023

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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 EL 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.

20% TUITION WAIVER

Valley City State provides a 20% tuition waiver for online undergraduate COD students. This reduction would equate to the same tuition rate paid by North Dakota resident students.

120 Credits to Graduate

Approximately 35 VCSU Remaining Credits

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

$10,500 before FAFSA

SCAN THE QR CODE

- **FOR MORE INFORMATION**
- **LEARN HOW TO APPLY**
- **COD HANDBOOK**
- **COD ADVISING TEMPLATE**

NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED EXCELLENCE

Ranked the Best College for Education in North Dakota by Niche.com

Valley City State University is ranked second among Midwest public regional colleges in the 2025 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings. VCSU has been named a U.S. News "Best College" for 28 consecutive years.
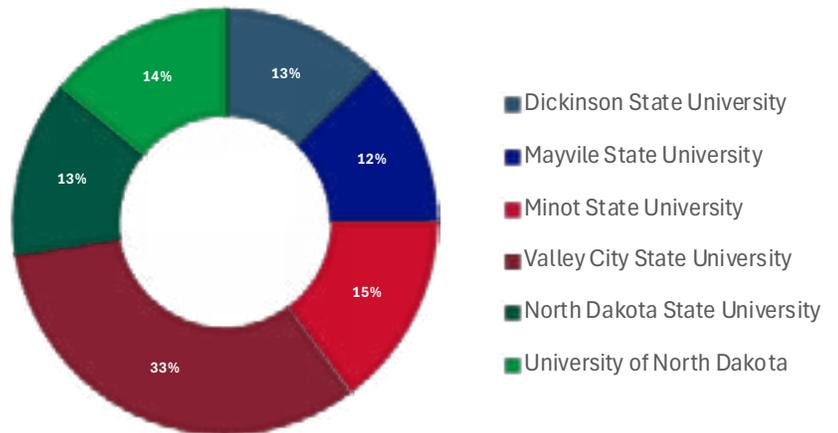
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

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

2023-2024 NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION COMPLETIONS

Percentage of undergraduate certificates, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees awarded by institutions in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Data compiled using North Dakota University System reporting.

- Dickinson State University — 13%
- Mayvile State University — 12%
- Minot State University — 15%
- Valley City State University — 33%
- North Dakota State University — 13%
- University of North Dakota — 14%

PROGRAM SATISFACTION

FALL 2024 TO SPRING 2025 EXIT SURVEY RESULTS

100%

OF VCSU STUDENT TEACHERS SAID THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THEIR TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM TO FUTURE TEACHERS

❯ 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 **or**	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 **or**	(5713) Score of 156+	(5723) Score of 160+	(5733) Score of 150+
ACT **or**	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
CORE: Reading	5713	156	149
CORE: Writing	5723	160	153
CORE: Mathematics	5733	150	143
Composite Score	5752	466	466

	Recipient Code
Valley City State University *Scores must be sent to VCSU*	6480
North Dakota Education Standards & Practices Board (ND ESPB)	7848

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.

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	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER

Elementary Education Required Courses

FALL SEMESTER

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 430 - Diagnosis of Reading
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

Elementary Education Required Courses

SPRING SEMESTER

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
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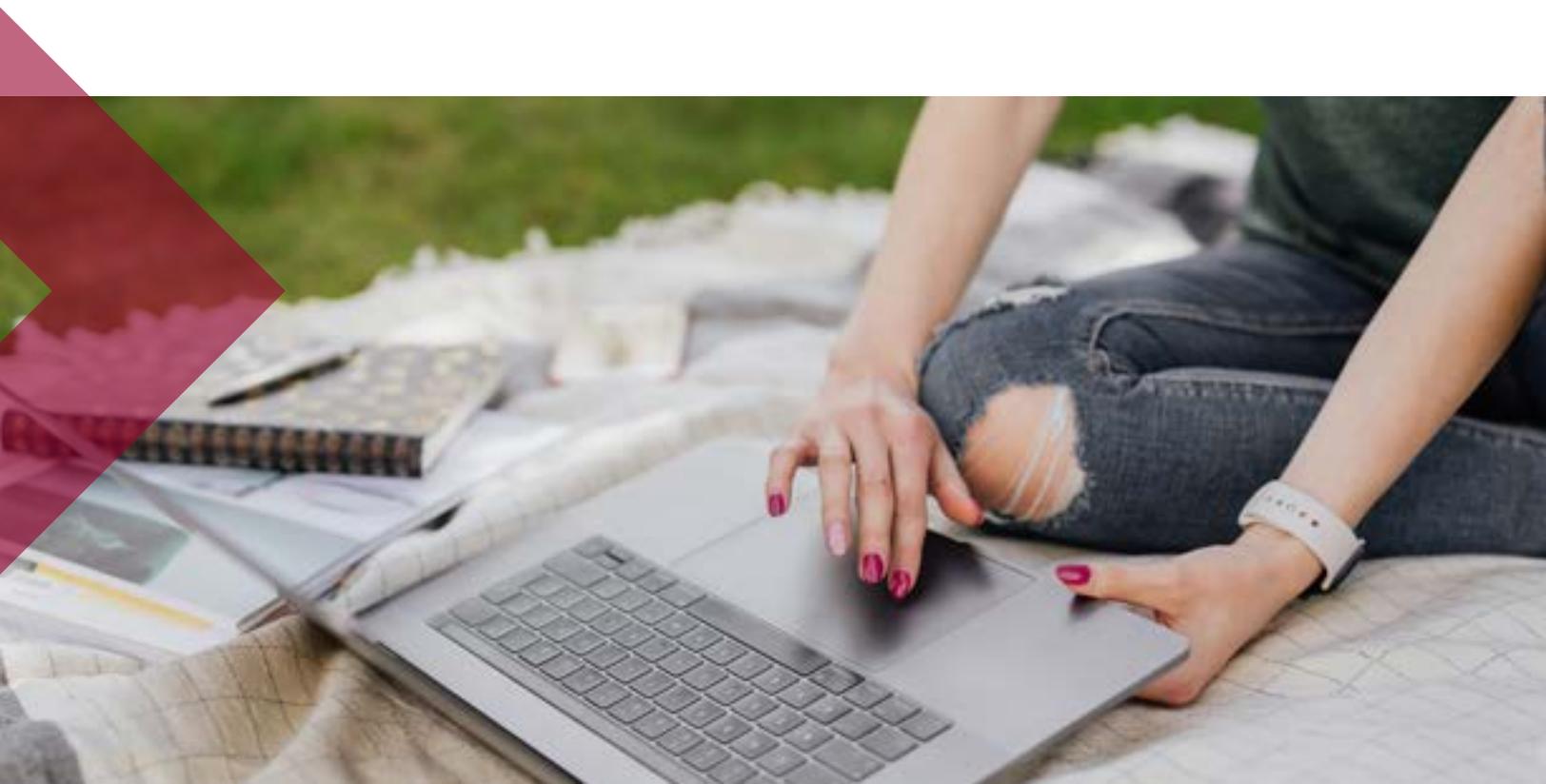PSYC 250 - Developmental Psychology

Elementary Education Required Courses

SUMMER SEMESTER

EDUC 210 - Creative Activities
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EDUC 278 - Math for Elem Teach II
EDUC 315 - Math Methods
EDUC 322 - Methods of Lang. Arts
EDUC 323 - Methods of Reading
EDUC 430 - Diagnosis of Reading

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

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
KINDERGARTEN	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
ENGLISH LEARNERS	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
READING CERTIFICATE	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
MIDDLE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE	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
SPECIAL EDUCATION	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
STEM EDUCATION CERTIFICATE	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