



99% Success Rate

Since 2021, 99% of VCSU Elementary Education graduates are employed or continuing their education within six months of graduation

#1 for Education

VCSU has been rated the #1 Best College for Teacher Education in North Dakota by Niche.com

Graduates by Location

45% from Minnesota

26% from Cass County, ND

The VCSU-NDSU Dual Degree program has proven popular in Minnesota and North Dakota's Cass County. Together, these two locations make up 71% of the program's graduates since 2013.

Questions? Contact our helpful staff and learn more about the dual degree program.

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VCSU-NDSU Dual Degree Program

1 College Experience – 2 Impactful Degrees

VCSU Elementary Education

NDSU Human Development & Family Science

NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

NDSU Campus Life > VCSU Elementary Education Degree



How it Works

The VCSU-NDSU Dual Degree Program combines the best of both campuses! Experience NDSU campus life and all its amenities as a NCAA Division I institution. At the same time, enjoy the small class sizes and 1-on-1 instruction of VCSU's top-ranked elementary education program.

NDSU has been partnering with VCSU for over 25 years to offer students a chance to earn an elementary education degree on the NDSU campus.

1. Enroll in NDSU classes your first 3 semesters, and a mix of VCSU and NDSU classes over your final 5 semesters
2. NDSU classes are delivered on campus; VCSU classes are delivered both at NDSU and on-site at local elementary schools for hands-on experiences
3. Earn two degrees in four years
    - Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) from NDSU
    - Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from VCSU

About the Degrees

Human Development & Family Science from NDSU

- Become a stronger teacher by understanding child development and how family relationships affect each child's learning.
- Become more versatile, with other career options available working with children, youth, or families in a variety of settings.
- Enjoy the flexibility of taking HDFS classes online if desired while getting needed hands-on experience in Elementary Education classes.
- Feel confident by meeting with the same NDSU professional advisor for your entire time in the program, as well as a VCSU advisor who knows the field.

Elementary Education from VCSU

- VCSU is the regional leader in preparing future teachers and annually awards the most undergraduate teaching degrees in the state
- Ranked the #1 Best College for Education degrees in North Dakota (2026, niche.com)
- Gain early hands-on experience by taking some VCSU education courses on site at local elementary schools
- Complete substitute teaching and student teaching requirements in local classrooms
- Build support systems and make lifelong friendships as you learn with the same classmates through our Cohort Model