Students can secure employment as a paraprofessional with a school district with an AAT degree. In order to apply for a paraprofessional position, they need at least 60 semester credit hours of university coursework. Once they have been employed as a paraprofessional for a year or more then they can apply for a student teaching exemption. If they are approved for this exemption then they can get waived from their student teaching course.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR

Students seeking the Associate of Arts in Teaching – 8th – 12th Grade Teaching must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education Core requirements. For any additional information, please contact the Academic Advising Center.

090 – Institutionally Designated Option(‡)

SPCH 1315 Public Speaking is strongly recommended.
 Minimum grade of B or better is required for admission into the Teacher Education program.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE† – 48 HOURS

B – PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1 – Prerequisites for Admission to Teacher Education– 6 hours

EDUC 1301 Introduction to the Teaching Profession (†)
EDFR 2301 Intercultural Context of Schooling (†)

2 – Electives – 12 hours

(12 hours must be from Academic Content)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION - 66

« TSI Requirement (Texas Success Initiative - any other State-approved test) - Student must pass all three sections of State-approved test to graduate with this degree.

† Dual Language Certification within the Associate of Arts Degree (General) requires the completion of 15 semester credit hours of coursework in Spanish. Courses for dual language certification include: SPAN 2313, SPAN 2315, and three other courses (9 semester credit hours) from the following areas: Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Social Sciences, Behavioral Sciences and Electives. Student should check with course schedules and/or Academic Advising for courses offered in Spanish for Dual Language Certification.

† Grade of "C" or better is required for graduation.

‡ Grade of "B" or better required for admission to Teacher Education Program.