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 – EC – 6th 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.

050 – Visual and Performing Arts
MUSI 1304 Teaching Music in the Elementary School

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 CORE1 – 48 HOURS

B – PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1 – Prerequisites for Admission to Teacher Education—12 hours
EDUC 1301 Introduction to the Teaching Profession (†)
EDFR 2301 Intercultural Context of Schooling (†)
MATH 1350 Fundamental of Mathematics for Teachers I
MATH 1351 Fundamental of Mathematics for Teachers II

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 60

« 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 course schedules and/or Academic Advising for courses offered in Spanish for Dual Language Certification.

‡ Grade of "C" or better is required for graduation.
* SPAN 2313 and SPAN 2315 are required for EC-6 Bilingual Majors.
† Grade of "B" or better required for admission to Teacher Education Program.