

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Associate in Science (A.S.)

Program Code: S.SED.AS

Graduation requirement — 60 semester hours

To teach in Illinois public high schools (grades 6–12), teachers must be certified by the state of Illinois. To transfer into an approved baccalaureate program in secondary education as a junior, students must complete specific requirements and a minimum of 60 semester credits. Students are strongly encouraged to complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer. Since admission is competitive, completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee admission to any particular transfer institution. Students should be aware that a minimum grade point average is required for program admission at most universities.

Students planning to teach at the secondary level in Illinois are advised to plan their transfer programs with a Parkland academic success advisor to meet specific requirements of their preferred college or university and the Illinois State Teachers Certification Board.

Program Notes*

- A criminal background investigation is required prior to field experience. Students are responsible for any fees.
- Licensure by the State of Illinois requires that all courses in program be passed with a grade of C or higher.
- General Education Core Curriculum requirements for the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree do not fully satisfy the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) requirements. Additional courses to complete the GECC may be taken after transferring.
- Check with transfer institution regarding foreign language requirements.
- PSY 101 is the prerequisite for PSY 220 and PSY 209.
- EDU 101 and PSY 209 or PSY 220 are required for transfer into Secondary Education
- Recommended courses are designed to facilitate completion of the A.A. and A.S. degree options and transfer into a four-year college or university with junior standing. Students are advised to follow the recommendations.

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE OPTION

General Education Core Courses (32–34 hours)

Cr. Hrs.

Communications (9)	
COM 103 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
ENG 101 Composition I	3
ENG 102 Composition II	3
Humanities/Fine Arts electives	9
• Choose at least one course from Humanities and one from Fine Arts	
Social/Behavioral Sciences electives	6–8
Recommended:	
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology (4)	
and HIS 104 History of the U.S. to 1877 (4)	
or HIS 105 History of the U.S., 1877 to the Present (4)	
or POS 122 American National Government (3)	
• Soc/Beh Sci courses must be from two disciplines	
• One course from Hum/Fine Arts or Soc/Beh Sci must fulfill the non-Western culture requirement	
Mathematics elective	3
Life Sciences (laboratory-based) elective	4
Physical Sciences (laboratory-based) elective	4

A.S. Degree Requirement (7–8 hours)

Must include one additional mathematics and one additional physical or life science course.
Any AST, BIO, CHE, ESC, PHY, or SCI courses numbered 100 through 289 whose second digit is even, beyond the general education requirements in science, may fulfill the additional science course requirement.

Recommended Courses (16–22 hours)

Students should select courses from the following recommendations to meet the minimum 60-hour degree requirement. They are advised to make course selections with an academic advisor as universities and the Illinois State Teachers Certification Board may have specific course requirements.

EDU 101*	Introduction to Education	3
EDU 104	Introduction to Special Education	3
KIN 181	Health Education	2
PSY 220*	Educational Psychology	
or PSY 209*	Human Growth and Development	3
Mathematics elective		3–4
Science elective(s)		3–8
Foreign language courses*		0–8
General electives		0–8

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

60