



Elementary Education

Articulation Agreement between John A. Logan College and Valley City State University

Introduction: This articulation agreement formally recognizes that Valley City State University (hereinafter VCSU) and John A. Logan College (hereinafter JALC) are educational institutions that agree to work together to provide educational opportunities for the students of their institutions.

The Elementary Education major at VCSU is offered online. Students do not have to attend any courses on the VCSU campus to complete this degree.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide a seamless transfer from JALC to transfer to VCSU to earn a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a major in Elementary Education (hereafter referred to as B.S.Ed. Elementary Education) from VCSU. This agreement will be set up so that students can complete both an Associate in Arts degree from JALC and a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a major in Elementary Education from VCSU at the same location.

Steps:

1. Complete the JALC Associate in Arts degree.
2. Apply to VCSU and declare the Elementary Education major. Transfer credits earned from the JALC degree will apply toward the Bachelor of Science in Education degree.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of upper-level (300-400 level) credits and will complete a minimum of 30 credits through VCSU to complete bachelor's degree graduation requirements from VCSU.
4. Graduates under this program would earn a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Elementary Education.

Motivating Principles and Values:

1. Students will be well served by the partnership and the high-quality teacher education program set forth in this agreement.
2. This partnership will benefit the educational needs of the region by providing high quality teacher education graduates.

3. Both campuses will maintain compliance with state and national accreditation guidelines that ensure teacher quality.
4. This partnership will provide high quality collaborative program to students in a convenient, timely, flexible, and cost-effective manner.

Accreditation: VCSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); and approved by the State of North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB). JALC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Longevity of Agreement: This agreement will be in effect for five (5) years, starting July 1, 2026. At the end of the five (5) years, students who have begun the program and are in the process of completion will be allowed to finish (within a one- or two-year timeline). Agreement will be reviewed as needed to reflect changes in curricula and campus procedures and policies.

Termination or Revisions: JALC and VCSU agree to provide at least 90 days advance written notification of their intent to terminate the agreement. All revisions of this agreement must be approved in writing by those who sign this agreement or their successors.

Governance and Management: This agreement shall be governed by the academic policies and procedures of JALC and VCSU. As required by the condition of the program and accreditation, the Bachelor of Science in Education Elementary Education programs will be governed by the JALC at VCSU. Conversely, the Associate in Arts program will be administered by JALC as required by the guidelines.

VCSU agrees to arrange for a Program Representative to be available to advise JALC students in the program each semester.

Both Valley City State University and JALC will provide a liaison who will be available to inform and guide students through this program.

VCSU agrees to grant a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Elementary Education to students who successfully complete the requirements for the degree.

It is agreed upon that JALC will provide general education courses, supplementary curriculum, and elective courses that satisfy VCSU graduation requirements for students enrolled in this program based on JALC's minimum enrollment standards. Students who enter the program with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree will have their general education requirements completed unless a general education course is specific to the B.S.Ed. degree.

The courses required to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Education degree will be delivered using methods that do not require students to be on the VCSU campus.

Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 120 total credits is required for a bachelor's degree and must be taken from the appropriate categories. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of upper-level (300-400 level) credit from VCSU to complete graduation requirements from VCSU. Credit hours earned at JALC that do not meet general education requirements, technical specialty, or teaching option requirements will be applied to elective courses.

As part of VCSU graduation requirements, students must develop a capstone that illustrates the best evidence of meeting the abilities and skills requirements for their degree. VCSU recommends students enroll in the appropriate Senior Portfolio course for 1 semester credit to assist them in developing their capstone.

Admission: Students taking JALC course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission at JALC. Students taking VCSU course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission at VCSU. All admission policies at the respective institution will apply.

Registration: Each institution will follow its own policies and procedures for registering students for their programs(s). JALC will be responsible for registering students in the associate program(s), and VCSU will be responsible for registering student(s) in the baccalaureate program(s). Registering for JALC and VCSU courses will be separate functions. Registration for courses will follow the respective institution's timeline and procedures, including add/drop and withdrawal.

Student Support Services: JALC will provide the following services to students enrolled in at least one of their courses: Tutoring, Counseling, and Disability Support Services. Tutoring services through JALC will only be available for JALC courses. While students are taking only VCSU courses, VCSU will be responsible for providing the following services: Tutoring, Counseling, and Disability Support Services. VCSU will be responsible for providing tutoring assistance for all of its courses.

If students have documented disabilities that may affect their academic experience and are seeking accommodations, it is their responsibility to supply documentation and make a request for services through the office of Student Academic Services as soon as possible.

Financial Aid: Students enrolled in a JALC two-year degree seeking program will have all aspects of their Federal Title IV Financial Assistance administered by JALC's Financial Aid Office. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Processing of FAFSA and other applications, determination of eligibility, awarding, and disbursement of funds;
- Assessment and enforcement of satisfactory academic progress standards;
- Calculation and distribution of refunds;
- Administration of all aspects of the Federal Family Educational Loan Programs

During the student's enrollment at JALC, JALC policies and procedures will apply. Student budgets (Cost of Attendance) used in establishing aid amounts will be the same as those used for awarding federal aid to other JALC students. A contact from the JALC Financial Aid Office will be identified to work with the Valley City State University Financial Aid Office assigned contact.

Valley City State University will be responsible for awarding aid to students who have been admitted to Valley City State University. Students will have all aspects of their Federal Title IV Financial Assistance administered by Valley City State University Student Financial Aid Office. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Processing of applications, evaluation of eligibility, awarding, and disbursement of funds;
- Assessment and enforcement of satisfactory academic progress standards;
- Calculation and distribution of refunds;
- Notifying changes in enrollment status to lenders under the Federal Family Educational Loan Programs.

During this enrollment the Valley City State University policies and procedures will apply. Student budgets (costs) used in establishing aid amounts will be the same as those used for awarding federal aid to other Valley City State University students. A contact from the JALC Financial Aid Office will be identified to work with the Valley City State University Financial Aid Office assigned contact.

Students on the JALC campus are not eligible for Valley City State University sponsored scholarships, waivers, or federal student work-study while pursuing a degree from Valley City State University. Students enrolled in the Valley City State University program are not eligible for JALC sponsored scholarships or waivers.

Entrance and exit loan counseling requirements will be met with the use of electronic counseling available through the website mappingyourfuture.org for Federal Perkins Loan and www.studentloans.gov for direct lending.

Tuition and Fees: Assessment and collection of tuition and fees will be done by the institution that is responsible for the courses. That is, VCSU will be responsible for assessing and collecting all fees, including technology fees for courses offered by VCSU and the same is true of JALC. All tuition and fees will be collected in accordance with the established policies of the institution to which these payments are due.

Technology and Support Services: VCSU will provide students in this program with adequate technical support in a timely manner for the courses taken from VCSU. JALC will provide students in this program with adequate technical support in a timely manner for the courses taken from JALC.

Students enrolled in at least one VCSU course will have full access to VCSU technology services, including a Blackboard account and a VCSU email/messaging account. Students may elect to pay the VCSU technology “buy up” fee to obtain full-time access to a VCSU laptop, according to established procedures. Please contact VCSU technology services for additional information by phone at 701-845-7340 option 1.

All online students in VCSU courses are expected to abide by the technical requirements, as outlined by university policy. <https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000026708>

Marketing: VCSU will be responsible for providing JALC with marketing materials to distribute to prospective students. JALC will display information about this agreement on their transfer website. JALC will work collaboratively with VCSU to identify prospective students for this program.

Textbooks: The textbooks for the VCSU courses will be purchased through VCSU. Likewise, the textbooks for the JALC courses will be purchased through JALC. Students will also have the choice to purchase their textbooks on their own.

Faculty and Staff: VCSU will select and assign qualified faculty members to teach the required courses. VCSU will name a Program Coordinator for this agreement. JALC will assign a faculty member as a liaison for this agreement. JALC and VCSU will work collaboratively to come up with mutually agreed upon qualifications of the faculty who would teach a course on the JALC campus as part of the VCSU Bachelor's Degree Program. VCSU will be responsible for hiring faculty to teach their courses.

Amendments to the Agreement: Mutually agreed-upon amendments to this agreement may be approved by those who sign this agreement or their successors. The agreement may be terminated at any time through joint action of the two presidents, with adequate provision for currently enrolled students.

ISBE Reciprocity for Illinois: JALC students who successfully complete the education program will graduate from VCSU with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Elementary Education and will be licensed in North Dakota. VCSU will assist JALC as necessary to attain reciprocity for graduates of the program in Illinois.

Disclaimer: Illinois offers full reciprocity. At the time of the initial evaluation for an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL), educators will be considered for all areas listed on their valid, comparable out-of-state license. Per Part 25 Rules, all out-of-state licenses must be equivalent to the Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL).

Below is a list of General Education Requirements for transfer to the VCSU Elementary Education program.

Students must complete the following general education areas at JALC or at VCSU.

VCSU Elementary Education Gen Ed Requirements	
Course	Credits
English Composition	
ENGL 110 College Composition I	3
ENGL 120 College Composition II or ENGL 125 Intro to Professional Writing	3
Speech Communication - Select one of the following	
COMM 110, 212, 216	3
Mathematics - Select one of the following	
MATH 103, 104, 107, 165, 210	3-4
Lab Science - Select two of the following *	
Select one of the following biology courses:	
BIOL 111, 150, 151, 170	4
Select one of the following geology courses:	
GEOL 100 Introduction to Earth Science or GEOL 106 The Earth Through Time	4
Wellness - Select one of the following	
HPER 100 Fit & Well or HPER 212 Stress Mgmt	2
Computer Sci & Lit - Select one of the following	
CIS 170**; CSCI 120, 127, 160, 289**; SE 110	3
Digital Literacy - Select one of the following	
CIS 170 Intro CIS** or CSCI 289 Soc Comp Tech**	3
Humanities Literacies - Select one of the following	
ASL 101, 102; COMM 211; ENGL 220, 225, 232, 241, 242, 261, 262; HUM 201; PSYC 200; SPAN 101, 102, 201, 202; THEA 110	3
Humanities Art & Music - Select one of the following	
ART 110, 115, 210, 211, 233; HUM 202; MUS 100, 101, 201, 207	3
Social Science - Select two of the following *	
HIST 103 U.S. To 1877 or HIST 104 United States to Present	3
PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology	3
Additional Humanities or Social Science *	
GEOG 111 Survey of Geography	3
*Required for teach license **Satisfies Comp Sci and Dig Lit	
Total Credits	39-40
VCSU Elementary Education Required Courses	
Course	Credits
EDUC 210 Creative Activities	2
EDUC 277 Mathematics for Elem Teachers I	3
EDUC 278 Mathematics for Elem Teachers II	3

JALC Gen Ed Requirements	
Course	Credits
Communication - SII	
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
ENG 102 English Composition II	3
Communication	
COM 115	3
Mathematics - select one of the following	
MAT 067 and 107, 108, 059 and 119, 120, 282 MAT 111, 058 and 112, 113, 116, 059 and 119, 131	3-6
Physical & Life Sci - Select 2 of the following - 1 must have lab *	
Select one of the following biology courses:	
BIO 100, 101, 105, 225; SCI 210B, 215	3-4
Select one of the following earth science courses:	
PHS 103 Earth Science or PHS 107 Weather and Climate	3-4
Major and General Elective	
HTH 110 Health Education	2
Computer Sci & Digit Lit VCSU Gen Eds - Complete 1 of the following	
OFT 207 Computer Applications for Business ** or graduating with the A.A. Elem Educ degree **	0-3
Humanities and Fine Arts - Select 3 of the following courses	
Humanities - Select 2 of the following courses	
LIT 264 Literature for Children	3
and GER 202; HIS 101, 102, 213; LIT 275; LIT 210, 230, 280, 281, 284, 295; PHL 111, 121, 131, 200, 260, 265	3
Fine Arts - Select 1 of the following	
ART 111, 220, 221, 291; MUS 105, 225	
Social & Behav Sciences - Select 3 of the following courses	
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Select two of the following courses:	
HIS 201 United States History I or HIST 202 United States History II	3
PSY 132 General Psychology	3
Select one of the following geography courses:	
GEO 112 World Regional Geography	3
*Required for teach license **Satisfies Comp Sci and Dig Lit	
Total Credits	41-52
JALC Equivalent Elementary Education Required Courses	
Course	Credits
	2
MATH 210 Math for Elementary Education	5

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EDUC 315 Mathematics in the Elem School	3
EDUC 320 Social Studies in the Elem School	3
EDUC 321 Foundations of Reading Instruction	3
EDUC 322 Methods of Language Arts Instruction	3
EDUC 323 Methods of Reading in the Elem School	3
EDUC 330 Children's Literature	3
EDUC 350 Elem Practicum and Classroom Mgmt	3
EDUC 355 Science Methods for Elem Teachers	3
EDUC 430 Diagnosis and Correction of Read Diff	3
EDUC 491 Senior Portfolio	1
Select one of the following Chem, Phys or STEM Ed courses:	
CHEM 115 Introductory Chemistry	4
or CHEM 116 Intro to Organic and Biochem	4
or CHEM 121 General Chemistry I	5
or CHEM 122 General Chemistry II	5
or PHYS 100 Concepts of Physics	4
or PHYS 110 Introductory Astronomy	4
or PHYS 211 College Physics I	4
or PHYS 212 College Physics II	4
or PHYS 251 University Physics I	5
or PHYS 252 University Physics II	5
or STEM ED 160 Integrative Phys Sci for Elem	4
Total Credits	
40-41	

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LIT 264 Literature for Children	3
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Select one of the following Chem, Phys or STEM Ed courses:	
CHM 141 General Organic & Biochemistry I	4
CHM 142 General Org & Biochem II (via sub for gen ed at JACL)	4
CHM 151 Chemical Principles	5
CHM 152 Chem Princ w Qual Anlys (via sub for gen ed at JACL)	5
PHS 105 How Things Work: Physics of Everyday Life	3
PHS 102 Astronomy	3
PHY 155 College Physics I	5
PHY 156 College Physics II (via sub for gen ed at JACL)	5
PHY 205 University Physics I	5
PHY 206 University Physics II (via sub for gen ed at JACL)	5
SCI 210A Integrated Life & Physical Science I	4
Total Credits	
38-40	

VCSU Professional Education Sequence Requirements	
Course	Credits
EDUC 240 Education Exceptional Students	3
EDUC 249 Introduction to VCSU Program	1
EDUC 250 Introduction to Education	3
EDUC 283 Understanding Cultural Diversity in Educ	3
EDUC 300 Educational Technology	2
EDUC 352 Culturally Diverse Practicum or EDUC 464 Practicum in the ELL Classroom	1 2
EDUC 400 Education Psychology	2
EDUC 450 Trends in Assessment & Education Issues	2
EDUC 490 Student Teaching (Elementary)	9
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology	3
Total Credits	
29-30	
VCSU Elementary Education Requirement	
Course	Credits
Each Elem Educ major is required to complete a second major, minor, or one of the following content options:	
AI in Education Certificate	12

JALC Equivalent Professional Education Sequence Courses	
Course	Credits
EDC 208 Introduction to Special Education	3
	1
EDC 200 Introduction to Education and EDC 210 Regular Education Observation	3 1
EDC 203 Schooling in a Diverse Society	3
EDC 206 Emerging Technologies	3
	1-2
EDC 202 Human Growth, Development & Learning	3
	2
	9
PSY 203 Adolescent Psychology	3
Total Credits	
32-33	
JALC Equivalent Elementary Education Requirement	
Course	Credits
Each Elem Educ major is required to complete a second major, minor, or one of the following content options:	
A completed Associate of Arts degree at JACL	63

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Learner Centered Instruction Certificate	12		
STEM Education-Elementary Certificate	12		
Middle School Certificate of Completion	8		
Reading Certificate of Completion	7		
Early Childhood Endorsement	26		
Kindergarten Endorsement	17		
Strategies Special Education Endorsement	26		
Teaching English Learners Endorsement	14		
Total Credits	7-26	Total Credits	63

VCSU Online Teacher Education Program Admission Requirements

Completion of EDUC 250 or EDC 100 and EDC 210 with a minimum grade of C
Pass the Praxis CORE Academic Skills for Educators exam or passing ACT with ELA score
Completion of ENGL 110 or ENG 101 with a minimum grade of C
Completion of ENGL 120, ENGL 125, ENG 102, or ENG 113 with a minimum grade of C
2.75 Cumulative GPA Minimum

VCSU Graduation Requirements

Admitted To VCSU Teacher Education Program	Complete 30 upper division semester credits
Admitted To Student Teaching	Complete 30 semester credits at VCSU
Complete Praxis Content Knowledge Exam	2.75 Cumulative GPA Minimum
Complete Praxis PLT Exam	2.0 Gen Ed GPA Minimum
Complete 120 semester credits	2.0 Major GPA Minimum

Signatures:

For John A. Logan College:

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