TEACHER EDUCATION ASSOCIATES IN ARTS DEGREE

Mission and Philosophy Statement

The Teacher Education Program supports the mission of the River Valley Community College to prepare students for lifelong learning and academic transfer for careers in the field of education.

RVCC’s Teacher Education Program has been designed using the NH Department of Education Professional Preparation Program (PEPP) standards and an interdisciplinary curriculum approach. The degree requirements include three categories: 1) general education; 2) education; and 3) a major concentration within the Liberal Arts. We introduce future teachers to the essential knowledge, critical dispositions and performances embodied in the InTASC (Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium) standards necessary to meet the challenges of 21st century learners.

Programmatic Learning Outcomes

The degree requirements include three categories. Competencies 1-4 support General Education and a major within the Liberal Arts; whereas education is met with competency 5.

Upon the completion of the degree in Teacher Education, graduates will be able to:

1. Construct learning through the frameworks of the mathematician, the scientist, the writer, the humanist, and the social scientist

2. Develop, identify and assimilate a variety of intellectual and practical skills to solve sophisticated problems across multiple contexts (e.g., written and oral communication, information literacy, quantitative literacy, critical thinking and inquiry, teamwork, self-monitoring of learning)

3. Develop ethical reasoning, critical thinking, and an understanding of diverse cultures and points of views to prepare for citizenship and lifelong learning

4. Grapple with universal questions through individual exploration and shared inquiry

5. Demonstrate a beginning understanding of the goals and purposes of InTASC Teaching Standards