The Associate in Elementary Education degree is intended for all future elementary teachers. It provides a broad foundation in liberal arts and beginning coursework in teacher education that is needed upon transfer to most teacher certification programs at Washington state colleges/universities. It is designed to provide early experiences in teacher education, including opportunities for hands-on work in local classrooms and specific courses for elementary teachers.

To earn this degree, students must complete 93-94 quarter credits in courses numbered 100 or higher (from approved distribution list below) and meet specific distribution requirements. No more than 25 percent of credit requirements may be taken on a pass/no credit basis. Students should be aware that courses with “Pass” grades may not satisfy the requirements in their major field. Students must attain a GPA of 2.0 on all college-level courses and earn a minimum of 24 credits, including the last quarter, in residence at Green River Community College.

Students are responsible for knowing transfer requirements and policies, as well as specific course choices and GPA requirements, and are urged to consult the catalog of the institution to which they plan to transfer.

1. BASIC SKILLS (25 credits)
   A. Communication Skills: (10 credits)
      Courses in this area support the written communication learning outcome.
      English &101 and one of the following:
      English 126 or 127
   B. Quantitative Skills/Symbolic Reasoning: (15 credits)
      Courses in this area support the quantitative and symbolic reasoning learning outcome.
      Mathematics 170, 171 and 172

2. HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS/ENGLISH (Minimum 15 credits from three separate areas)
   A. Communication Studies &220 (5 credits)
   B. English &112, &113, &114, 165, 180, 190 or &236 (5 credits)
   C. Choose 5 Credits from the following areas:
      Chinese &111, &121, &122, &123
      Dance 101, 102, 110, 204
      Drama &101, 111, 112, 113, 120, 121, 141, 151, 152, 153
      French &121, &122, &123, &221
      German &121, &122, &123
      Humanities 100, 110, 133, 142, 180, 186, 190, 191, 224, 272

3. SOCIAL SCIENCE (Minimum 15 credits) Select from the following.
   A. History 101, 102, 103, or 231 (5 credits)
   B. History &136 or &137 (5 credits)
   C. Select 15 credits from 2 different disciplines from the following:
      American Minority and Ethnic Studies 100 or Anthropology &206
      Psychology &100
      Sociology &101, 220 or 240
      Social Science 160

4. NATURAL SCIENCE (Minimum 15 credits)
   A. Interdisciplinary Science 101, 102 and 103 (15 credits)
   C. Choose 15 credits from the following:
      Chemistry &101, &102, &103, &104, &105, &106, &107, &108
      Microbiology &121, &122, &123, &221
      Geology &121, &122, &123
      Physics &121, &122, &123

5. ADDITIONAL COURSES (6 credits)
   Education &205 and 270

6. LIFETIME FITNESS/WELLNESS (2-3 credits)
   Fitness-related classes – must take one: Physical Education 101, 102, 103, 111, 131, 149, 160, 165, 169
   Degree exceptions for fitness/wellness courses must include medical documentation submitted to Disability Support Services (DSS) and documentation to the Degree Exception Committee.

7. ELECTIVES (Minimum 5 credits)
   All courses numbered 100 or higher, with the exception of Basic Skills and Physical Education, may be taken as electives.
   Note: Students choose electives in consultation with their Green River advisor and transfer university admissions representative.

8. TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS
   Green River Community College is fully accredited. Academic courses will usually be accepted by other institutions offering the same (or similar) courses. However, each institution has its own transfer policies and each student is responsible for knowing the transfer and admission requirements of the receiving institution. Students are urged to consult with their advisor and a representative from the college they plan to attend after Green River.

To receive this information in an alternative format, please contact Disability Support Services at: DSS@greenriver.edu, (253) 833-9111, ext. 2631 or TTY at (253) 288-3359. LC-272.
1. BASIC SKILLS (25 credits)
   - Engl& 101
   - Engl 126 or 127
   - Math 170
   - Math 171
   - Math 172

2. HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS/ENGLISH (15 credits)
   - Three different areas
     - A. Cmst& 220
     - B. Engl& 112, &113, &114, 165, 180, 190 or &236
     - C. ___________________________

3. SOCIAL SCIENCE (25 credits)
   - A. Hist 101, 102, 103 or 231
   - B. Hist&136 or &137
   - C. Select 15 credits
     - Ames 100 or Anth& 206
     - Psyc& 100
     - Soc& 101, 220, or 240
     - S Sci 160

4. NATURAL SCIENCE (15 credits)
   - IDS 101
   - IDS 102
   - IDS 103

5. ADDITIONAL COURSES (6 credits)
   - Educ& 205
   - Educ 270

6. LIFETIME FITNESS/WELLNESS (2-3 credits)
   - P E 101, 102, 103, 111, 131, 149, 160, 165 or 169

7. ELECTIVES (5 credits)
   - Any course 100 or above

Notes:
You must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.0. This minimum may not meet the entrance requirements at four-year colleges.
Students are encouraged to take the WEST-B in order to apply to teacher preparation programs.

Please note that some majors at four-year colleges have special requirements. It is your responsibility to know these. Consult an Educational Planner or your Faculty Advisor for assistance in identifying or researching specific major requirements.