

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
EDU 100 – INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATION (1 CR.)**

Course Description

Provides an overview of teaching as a career with orientation to theories, practices, responsibilities, guidelines, current trends and issues in education. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide students with advising and support as they consider a career in education. Students will explore pathways to licensure, assessment requirements and options for transfer. Students will learn about local employment opportunities as well as critical areas of teacher shortages. During the course, students will develop an understanding of an educator's roles and responsibilities.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- a) Identify 4-year school pathways to licensure
- b) List the required endorsement (content) courses for licensure
- c) Create a timeline of required assessments
- d) Identify local employment opportunities in the field of education, as well as critical areas of teacher shortage
- e) Develop a professional cover letter and resume
- f) Describe educator responsibilities including planning and assessment of instruction, following a code of ethics and participating in professional communication and collaboration
- g) Reflect on the nature of diverse and multicultural classrooms
- h) Prepare for professional communication and future field placements
- i) Develop an e-portfolio shell to showcase student growth throughout degree completion

Major Course Topics

- a) Licensure
- b) Employment Opportunities in Education
- c) Transfer Options in Virginia
- d) Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment and Praxis
- e) Diversity
- f) Professional Communication
- g) Resume Preparation
- h) Advising and Course Selection