College of Education
Expanding Possibilities, Creating Solutions

MISSION
The College of Education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, devoted to excellence in instruction, research, and service, prepares leaders representing diverse backgrounds and experiences, to serve the educational needs in the global community.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
The College of Education (COE) offers the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree and the Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in Kinesiology, Athletic Training, and Occupational Training and Development. Students may also receive a military commission through the Military Science program.

FIELD-BASED PROGRAM
The COE is committed to a field-based professional development program. Early in their program, students are required to spend a significant portion of their professional development courses observing and working with experienced teachers in the local school districts. Subsequent course work is taught at the school sites, with the students utilizing the setting to become actively involved in applying the concepts learned in the lectures. The field-based program culminates in the student teaching experience, wherein the student is assigned on a one-to-one basis with an experienced master teacher and moves from observation, through cooperative teaching, to full responsibility for a class.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
General University degree requirements are discussed in the “Undergraduate Programs” section of this catalog. COE degree requirements follow:

Total Hours
A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation. Some curricula or combinations of fields require more. No remedial course work may be applied toward the degree.

Grade Point Average
Requirements for graduation include a minimum grade point average of 2.00 on a four-point scale on all academic work attempted, and a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in the major field(s) of study. For admission to and retention in teacher education, the GPA requirement is 2.50 or 2.50 on the last 30 hours attempted.

THEA Requirement
All sections of the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) test must be passed PRIOR to enrolling in any 4000 level undergraduate EDCI or EDUC course. The passing scores are: 250 on the Reading section, 230 on the Mathematics section, and 240 on the Writing section. Exemptions will be granted for people with a score of 26 or higher on the ACT or a score of 1180 or higher on the SAT. For clarification, please contact either the Certification Office or an academic advisor in the COE.

Degree Plans
Students interested in seeking a degree offered by the College of Education are encouraged to see an academic advisor to discuss their interests. After consultation with the student, the academic advisor will prepare a degree plan and assign a faculty advisor who will mentor the student regarding academic and career interests. The degree plan will require signatures from the faculty advisor, academic advisor, certification officer and the student to be considered official. The signed degree plan will be filed by the academic advisor and will be considered the plan the student will follow through to graduation. Students are encouraged to visit their academic and faculty advisors periodically to audit their progress and ensure they are following their designated plan. Students may change official degree plans by seeing an academic advisor and repeating the process.