

## **Bachelor of Arts in Education**

Inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning in your classroom

The Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAEd) degree prepares students to seek employment in entry-level positions in elementary or secondary education. Students will learn how to adapt their curriculum to the needs of children and adolescents from diverse backgrounds and ability levels.



# **BAEd Program Overview**

### **Required Courses**

In addition to completing 60 credit hours of general education courses, students must complete 60 credit hours of the following education courses:

- EDU 303 Introduction to Education
- EDU 305 Educational Psychology
- EDU 311 Unit Design
- EDU 315 Educational and Social Justice
- EDU 320 Home, School, and Community Collaboration
- EDU 325 Art of Effective Teaching
- EDU 330 Building the Foundations of Literacy
- EDU 341 Child and Adolescent Development
- EDU 350 Assessment of the Learning Process
- EDU 355 Exceptional Students
- EDU 360 Curriculum and Instruction
- EDU 361 Information Literacy, Research, and Analysis
- EDU 365 Multicultural Education
- EDU 370 Teaching English Language Learners
- EDU 371 Strategies for Online Learning
- EDU 375 Teaching with Technology
- EDU 400 Differentiating and Scaffolding Instruction
- EDU 401 Educational Leadership
- EDU 410 Portfolio Development\*
- EDU 450 Directed Field Experience\*

#### Total 120 credit hours

Transfer credit hours accepted based on approval.

\*It is recommended that this course be taken in the final stages of the student's BAEd program.

## **Key Learning Outcomes**

- Apply theory to real life through field experience
- · Advance your leadership and teaching technique
- · Enhance your classroom skills to maximize student learning
- · Be creative and innovative in teaching strategies

## **Career Opportunities**

- · Education Administration
- · Elementary & Middle School Teachers
- · Special Education Teachers
- · Social Workers





### **General Education**

The General Education courses at Westcliff are structured to provide a coherent, integrated introduction to the breadth of knowledge students will need to help them develop intellectual skills that will enhance their professional, civic, and personal life for years to come. Students will learn how to analyze the world around them from different perspectives, how to communicate their ideas and understand the ideas of others, how to solve problems, and how to apply their knowledge to real-world projects.

Westcliff University offers 20 General Education courses, which students may take to fulfill the 60 credit hour requirement. Should students wish to transfer in General Education credits from another accredited school, the following requirements must be met:

#### **Arts and Humanities**

2 equivalent courses (6 credits hours) required

- ART 100 Art History
- HUM 165 Human Geography
- HUM 170 Human Civilizations
- HUM 180 World Religions

#### Communications

1 equivalent course (3 credits hours) required

- COM 115 Introduction to Communication
- PHL 190 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

### **English**

2 equivalent courses (6 credits hours) required

- ENG 110 Academic English
- ENG 120 English Composition
- LIT 121 World Literature

#### Math

1 equivalent course (3 credits hours) required

• MAT 135 College Algebra

#### **Natural Sciences**

1 equivalent course (3 credits hours) required

- BIO 260 General Biology
- SCI 275 Introduction to Ecology
- SCI 280 Environmental Science
- GEO 290 Physical Geography

#### Social and Behavioral Sciences

3 equivalent courses (9 credits hours) required

- HIS 141 World History
- POL 205 International Relations
- POL 210 American Government
- POL 220 World Politics
- PSY 235 Introduction to Psychology
- PSY 240 Human Development
- SOC 245 Introduction to Sociology

