Thank you for your interest in Delgado’s TeachNext program!

In this handbook you will find information about the degree program including: frequently asked questions, program requirements, coursework requirements, course substitution policies, Praxis exams, TEAC 201 & 203, graduation requirements, and the transfer process.

For additional information, program applications & forms, and answers to program-specific questions, contact the TeachNext program advisor.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the TeachNext program?
The TeachNext program is an Associate Degree program designed for students who want to be Elementary School teachers. Students in the program work toward an Associate of Science in Teaching (AST) degree. This degree was designed in cooperation with four-year public colleges/universities across the state as a transfer degree.

How long will it take me to finish this program?
The timeline for completion of the program will vary from student to student. The program is designed to be completed in two years of full-time coursework of 13-16 hours per semester. Students completing courses on a part-time schedule and students who have to complete developmental coursework will need more than two years to complete the program.

Once I complete the TeachNext program, will I be able to be a teacher?
No, a four-year degree is required in order to be certified by the state to be a teacher. The TeachNext program is your first step toward becoming a certified teacher. Once you receive your Associate Degree, you will need to transfer to a four-year college to finish the necessary schooling to become a certified teacher.

What will I be able to do with this degree?
This degree enables students to transfer to a four-year college or university Elementary Education program with approximately half of their coursework already completed. Your 60 credits will all transfer, and you will be well on your way to becoming a certified teacher. Completion of the AST degree will also qualify you to work as a paraprofessional (teacher’s aide) in a school.

Which colleges can I transfer to that will accept all 60 credits under the transfer agreement?
Any four-year public college/university in the state is included in the transfer agreement. This includes: Grambling, LSU, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Southern University (Baton Rouge), SUNO, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and University of New Orleans.

Can I transfer all of my credits to a private college?
Yes, we have a transfer agreement in place with Our Lady of Holy Cross College. Holy Cross will accept all 60 hours for students who have completed the AST degree.

What if I complete part of the degree and I want to transfer to a four-year college?
In order to be guaranteed that all of your credits will transfer to a four-year college, you must complete all of the degree requirements and be awarded the AST degree. If you do not complete the full degree, there is no guarantee that any or all of your credits will transfer to a four-year college.

What if I am interested in teaching grades other than 1-5?
If you are interested in teaching Pre-k or kindergarten, you should still consider completing the TeachNext program and pursuing a grades 1-5 certification at your transfer school. Once you receive the certification for grades 1-5, the state of Louisiana allows you to add an Early Childhood certification by taking an extra Praxis exam. Thus, by passing one additional exam, you will be eligible to teach the full range of grades Pre-k through 5. If you are interested in grades 4-8 certification or grades 6-12 secondary certification, you should consult the course catalog for the transfer institution that you would like to attend, and then consult with an advisor at Delgado to determine which courses will transfer to your specific program of interest.
TEACHNEXT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The TeachNext program is a selective admissions program, which means that there is a separate application process required for admission, and a separate set of requirements that students must meet in order to be accepted.

In order to be considered for admittance into the TeachNext program, you must meet the applicable GPA requirement:

- 2.0 GPA for 0-15 credit hours
- 2.20 GPA for 16-30 credit hours
- 2.50 GPA for 31-45 credit hours

Students must also have completed all but one of their developmental courses, if applicable. This means that you must be eligible to take ENGL 101 or higher and eligible to take MATH 094 or higher.

Once admitted to the TeachNext program, students must maintain a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA in order to remain in the program in good standing. Failure to maintain the required GPA will result in either program probation or program dismissal as outlined below.

TEACHNEXT PROGRAM PROBATION

If you are admitted into the TeachNext program and your cumulative GPA subsequently falls below the required 2.5 GPA, you will be placed on probationary status with regards to the teaching program. This probationary status applies only to your standing within the TeachNext program. It is not necessarily consistent with academic probation status within Delgado Community College.

After being placed on TeachNext program probation, you will have one semester to bring your cumulative GPA back up to the required level. For example, if your fall semester GPA falls below the requirement, you must bring it back up by the end of the following spring semester.

TEACHNEXT PROGRAM DISMISSAL

If you are placed on TeachNext program probation and you fail to bring your GPA up to the required 2.5 level by the following semester, you will be dismissed from the program. Following a dismissal, it is possible to be re-admitted to the program one time.

TEACHNEXT PROGRAM RE-ADMITTANCE

Program policy allows students to re-apply one time following a dismissal from the program. You may request a new program application packet from the program advisor. Your new application will be reviewed, and you will be required to complete the admission process again. Once you do so, you will be informed as to whether or not you have been re-admitted to the TeachNext program. Re-admission will only be considered once, and a second program dismissal is final.
COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

- ANTH 181 - Geography
- BIOL 101 - Introductory Biology I
- BIOL 102 - Introductory Biology II
- BIOL 107 - Introductory Biology I Laboratory
- ENGL 101 - English Composition I
- ENGL 102 - English Composition II
- ENGL 212 - American Literature II
- ENGL 222 - British Literature II OR ENGL 232 - World Literature II
- HIST 102 - Modern Western Civilization OR HIST 105 - World Civilization II
- HIST 205 - American History to 1865
- MATH 123 - Elementary Number Structure
- MATH 124 - Elementary Geometry
- MATH 130 - College Algebra
- MATH 203 - Statistics
- POLI 180 - American Government
- SCIE 101 - Physical Science I
- SCIE 102 - Physical Science II
- SCIE 103 - Physical Science I Laboratory
- SCIE 104 - Physical Science II Laboratory
- TEAC 201 - Teaching & Learning in Diverse Settings I
- TEAC 203 - Teaching & Learning in Diverse Settings II
- Fine Arts Requirement: Choose one (1) of the following courses:
  - FNAR 120 - Art Appreciation OR FNAR 125 - Art History Survey I OR FNAR 126 - Art History Survey II OR MUSC 105 - Music Appreciation OR THEA 101 - Introduction to the Theatre

COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS

The following course substitutions are permitted by the program:

- BIOL 141 for BIOL 101
- BIOL 143 for BIOL 107
- BIOL 142 for BIOL 102
- ENGL 211 for ENGL 212
- ENGL 221 for ENGL 222
- ENGL 231 for ENGL 232
- HIST 101 for HIST 102
- HIST 103 for HIST 105
- STAR program for TEAC 201

Because of our transfer agreement with four-year colleges and universities in the state, there is little flexibility in the coursework requirements. Aside from the substitutions listed above, it is recommended that all TeachNext students follow the required curriculum precisely. If you feel that you need to substitute a course that is not listed above as an approved substitution, be sure to seek approval from the program advisor before enrolling in the course. If you have questions regarding substitutions for transfer courses from another institution, consult the program advisor.

Any substitution, including the approved substitutions listed above, requires completion of a justification form. See the program advisor to complete and submit this form before your graduation deadline.
**PRAXIS EXAMS**

**What are Praxis exams?**
The Praxis exams are a series of standardized tests that are required by the state of Louisiana in order to become a certified teacher. The exams are taken throughout the course of your degree program, both here at Delgado and when you reach the four-year college level.

**What Praxis exams do I have to take?**
Different certifications require different exams. For the TeachNext program leading to grades 1-5 certification, you must pass: Praxis I (PPST) and the Praxis II (Elementary Education Content Knowledge). Once you complete a Bachelors degree, you will take your remaining Praxis exam. **If you have an ACT composite score of 22 or higher, you are not required to take the Praxis I (PPST).**

**Where do I take Praxis exams?**
Delgado Community College is not a Praxis testing site. New Orleans area testing sites are located at:

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4. Click on ‘Register online for a Praxis test’  
5. In the new window, select ‘Create Account’  
6. Follow the prompts to create an account and register for a test (First time test takers should select the Combined test. Test takers who have already passed one or more sections should select the Individual tests). | 1. Got to www.ets.org  
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4. Click on ‘Register online for a Praxis test’  
5. In the new window, login to your ETS account, or select ‘Create Account’  
6. Follow the prompts to register for a test.  
7. At the Exam Selection screen, select ‘Praxis II: Elem. Ed. Content Knowledge 5014’  
8. Continue to follow prompts to select test center, test date, etc. |
| What happens if I don’t pass?    | In order to receive the Associate of Science in Teaching (AST) degree, you must pass both the Praxis I and Praxis II. If you do not pass the first time, you must retake the test(s). There is no limit to how many times you can take the tests, however, ETS policy dictates that you may only take each Praxis test once every 30 consecutive days, not including the day of your test. If you wish to retest, you must select a test date that is more than 30 days after your previous test date. |

How can I study for these exams?

- On the ETS website under ‘The Praxis Series,’ you’ll find a test preparation section (click ‘Prepare for a Test,’ then ‘Select a Praxis test by name’).
- It is a good idea to look through the ‘Free Test Preparation’ section materials for each section of the test. Pay particular attention to the ‘Test at a Glance’ options for the computer-based test. These sections tell you what will be tested, and include sample questions.
- Under the free materials, you will see ‘Priced Test Preparation.’ This includes study guides, practice tests, and online tutorials that you can purchase for anywhere from $13.95-$39.50. If you find that you are having difficulty with a particular section or sections, you may want to consider purchasing the study guide and/or practice test.
- **For a hard copy study guide:** www.ets.org offers a paperback study book under the ‘Priced Test Preparation’ section. Cliff Notes, Kaplan, McGraw-Hill, and various other companies also make printed study guides. These guides can be found online and/or in bookstores.

*To learn more about the Praxis exams visit: www.ets.org*
When should I take the TEAC courses?
The TEAC 201 and TEAC 203 courses must be taken in order. You cannot take TEAC 203 before you have taken TEAC 201. These courses can be taken at any point after you have gone through the application process and been officially admitted into the program. You do not need to wait until all other coursework has been completed in order to take the TEAC courses.

How do I get into the TEAC courses?
In order to get into the TEAC courses, you will need to meet the prerequisites listed below for each course. These courses require department permission, so you will not be able to schedule them yourself. You will need to contact the program advisor in advance of the registration period to complete an override form in order to enroll in the course.

TEAC 201 Prerequisites:
- Acceptance into the TeachNext program
- ENGL 101
- Passage of Praxis I
- Permission of program director

TEAC 203 Prerequisites:
- Acceptance into the TeachNext program
- ENGL 101 and ENGL 102
- MATH 130
- TEAC 201
- Permission of program director

STAR: Students Teaching and Reaching
If you completed the STAR program in High School, you are eligible for TEAC 201 credit. You must turn in proof of program completion in the form of: high school transcript that shows a grade of ‘C’ or better in the STAR program, and your program completion certificate, if applicable.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the TeachNext program and receive the Associate of Science in Teaching degree, you must:

- Successfully complete all coursework with a grade of ‘C’ or better
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Have passed Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test (or have ACT composite score of 22 or higher)
- Have passed the Praxis II: Elementary Education Content Knowledge Test
- Successfully complete a collaborative interview with the receiving institution’s and Delgado’s interview committee
- Complete a reflective portfolio that consists of artifacts formulated within the A.S.T. experience to be assessed and expanded by receiving four-year partnering colleges of education

Students who are approaching program completion with intention to graduate should schedule a meeting with the program advisor one semester prior to ensure that they meet all necessary requirements and have submitted all necessary paperwork to graduate.

TRANSFERRING TO A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE

Your transfer requirements, process, and deadlines will vary based on the college to which you intend to transfer. Students are encouraged to start investigating transfer school options and gathering information for the intended transfer institution early on in order to better prepare for the transfer process.

Your first step in the transfer process will be to apply to the transfer institution. You will need to have official transcripts sent from Delgado to your transfer institution.

Students who complete the Associate degree during the summer semester will need to request a letter of completion from the Registrar’s Office in order to receive transfer credit to start at a four-year college the following fall semester.

The Delgado TeachNext program advisor is available to assist students with the transfer process.

BECOMING A CERTIFIED TEACHER

Once you transfer to a four-year college/university under the transfer agreement, you will be continuing the necessary coursework to become a certified teacher. Once you have received your Bachelor of Elementary Education degree and passed all of the necessary Praxis exams, you can apply for teacher certification through the Louisiana Department of Education.

To learn more about Louisiana’s requirements for teacher certification, or about the state certification process, visit: www.teachlouisiana.net