The Associate of Science in Teaching (A.S.T) for Grades 1 - 5 is a transfer degree that addresses the requirements of the Baccalaureate of Science in Elementary Education offered by the public and private colleges of education in Louisiana. The mission of Delgado’s A.S.T. Program is to provide the highest quality foundational coursework specifically designed to produce teacher candidates for the state universities and colleges of education.

Graduates will be able to
- Transfer all 60 credits to an university to become a certified teacher in the school system.
- Earn an A.S.T. for grade levels 1 - 5.
- Work as a paraprofessional (teacher’s aide) in a school.

In order to complete the TeachNext program and receive the A.S.T., you must
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Passed Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics) 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 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.

Which colleges will accept all 60 credits under the transfer agreement?
Any four-year public college or university in the Louisiana is included in the transfer agreement. Our Lady of Holy Cross College will also accept all 60 hours for students who have completed the A.S.T.

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