

All 9th grade course offerings are 1 semester long and worth .5 credits. They may be taken consecutively, or can be spread out however you wish over the course of your high school career.

Education Sequence



Introduction to Teaching Methods (1 Semester, .5 Credits)

Become a teacher in Hersey's very own Happy Huskies Preschool! In this course, you will work in the front lines with the 32 preschool children, ages 3-5, who attend our lab preschool program here at Hersey. You will develop and implement lessons, as they relate to our weekly themes and Early Childhood Learning Standards, so that our little Huskies are well prepared for kindergarten. You will also complete weekly case studies to track your assigned child's progress throughout the semester. The global teaching, classroom management, communication, and professionalism skills acquired in this course will transfer perfectly into a future career in education (any grade level) or any career that relates to working with children (pediatrics, psychology, childcare provider). On days when the children are not in session, you will be exposed to various enrichment activities: Curricular Workshops (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Fine Arts, Social Studies, Physical Development/Health, Social/Emotional), storytellers, Mindful Practices: Classroom Management, RockItKids Music Company, Local Teacher Heroes, NWSRA, and The Illinois Ag Foundation

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Practicum in Early Childhood Education 2 (1 Semester, .5 Credits)

Continue to strengthen your teaching skills in this next level lab-based course. Enjoy working with the preschool children once again, and have the opportunity to take on college credit by completing Harper College's Early Childhood Education curriculum, in addition to our Hersey curriculum if you wish. You will have fun taking on more leadership roles within the preschool lab and will truly soar to the next level as a teacher leader, as you broaden your techniques and knowledge.

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