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Elementary education is the general field of study for elementary teachers in both public and private settings. Excellent teachers have strong leadership and people skills, enjoy being around children, want to teach, believe in the transformative power of education, are adaptable to change, and enjoy working with complex issues and ones that are not easily solved.

The Associate of Science in Teaching (A.S.T.) degree at Motlow State Community College prepares transfer students for grades K-5 teacher education programs. Motlow has articulation agreements with Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, and a 2+2 with Tennessee Tech University. Students can also pursue an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree and continue their education at Athens State University or Lipscomb University.

As teachers get new students each year, there are always opportunities to meet the needs of new and different learners and connect with children. If this sort of challenge sounds like something you're interested in, consider pursuing a degree in elementary education.

Particular skills and instructional concepts are reinforced through:

- Classroom observations
- Planning curriculum and lessons
- Field experience in public school classroom
- Usage of instructional technology
- Exposure to the mental and physical development of children and understanding on the development of exceptional children

Career Opportunities with an Advanced Degree

- Elementary School Teacher (\$45-55k/year)
- Preschool Teacher (\$35-40k/year)
- Assistant Teacher (\$25-35k/year)
- Head Start Teacher (\$24-42k/year)
- Counselor (\$37-49k/year)
- Special Education Teacher (\$38-49k/year)

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Students Pursuing the A.S.T. are Introduced to:

- Education in America and the role and responsibility of a teacher
- An exploration of the physical, mental, social, and moral development of individuals from birth to the end of life
- Introduction to the development of exceptional children
- Introduction to number concepts and geometry for elementary education
- Focus on the earth's structure and function of physical processes



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